



Aridor balances inflation, settlements

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor said yesterday that when inflation and the cost-of-living index are mere historical memories, Judea and Samaria will be ours. For that reason, he said, the government would not heed opposition demands for cuts in expenditure on settlements in Judea and Samaria.

Aridor was replying to three motions of no-confidence which were finally defeated by a vote of 59-53, with Yigal Hurvitz (Likud-Telem) abstaining.

Adiel Amora (Alignment) said that inflation was running at 160 per cent a year, or half of 1 per cent each day — he apparently meant each business day. He charged that the government had collected IS37 billion — ostensibly to cover expenditure on the Lebanese war — but had then used IS15b. of that revenue to cover deficits on civilian expenditure.

Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) said that the cure for our economic ills was to reduce military spending.

Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) said that the system the government is now employing to correct some of its economic "distortions" was returning Israel to the 1950s by vesting centralized power in the hands of bureaucratic officials.

Aridor opened his statement with a reference to the doctors' strike. He said that while the government would strive for a settlement with the doctors it would not deviate from the framework agreement. A basic social norm had been threatened this week, he said, but the government's firm stand had triumphed.

The 13.3 per cent rise in the index in April was unexpected, he said. But it was not the Treasury that created inflation he said. Were it not for the Treasury's policy, the rise in the index would have been even greater.

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Soldier killed in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli soldier was killed and another wounded on Monday night when their vehicle was attacked near Ansar in Southern Lebanon, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman announced yesterday.

The funeral of Samal Rishon (First Sergeant) Yihye Yehzekel of moshav Netu'a, will take place today in the Nahariya cemetery.

The attack took place about three kilometres from Ansar, when the jeep, which was accompanying another vehicle, was the target of four bazooka shells. One shell made a direct hit, and Yehzekel was killed on the spot. The wounded soldier was taken to a hospital in Israel.

IDF troops and members of Major Sa'ad Haddad's Southern Lebanon militia set up roadblocks between Ansar and the coastal road. They searched the entire area, and flares could be seen throughout the night.



A Druse militiaman stands guard yesterday in the Shouf mountain region of Lebanon. (IPPA)

Jemayel sounding out MNF on Shouf entry

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT. — Lebanese President Amin Jemayel appeared yesterday to be seeking deployment of international peacekeeping forces in the Shouf mountain area after a series of kidnapping-kills there during the weekend.

The president called in envoys of the U.S., France, Italy and Britain, the four nations contributing to the Multi-National Force patrolling Beirut danger spots.

Official sources said Jemayel reviewed the security situation in Beirut and in the Shouf area, which has been a scene of constant clashes between Druse and Christians since November.

For some time, government leaders have been talking about bringing the Multi-National Force into the Shouf mountains. Their presence would become even more vital if Israel, which provides a limited buffer between the two communities, should decide to withdraw.

Lebanese officials also reported (Continued on Page 6)

Arafat ends 2-day tour of PLO positions in Lebanon

DAMASCUS. — Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat returned to Damascus yesterday following a two-day visit to northern Lebanon.

Wafa, the Palestinian news agency, said he had inspected PLO forces in the area and the conditions of Palestinian civilians at refugee camps outside the Lebanese port of Tripoli.

Arafat's visit to Tripoli was believed to be part of a tour of northern and eastern Lebanon to raise support against dissidents in his Fatah movement who had challenged what they described as his moderate policies.

A statement by five dissident officers on Monday showed the rebellion was far from over. They rejected Arafat's order to quit their posts and said they would continue trying to halt "the deviation in the

Fatah leadership."

There is no independent confirmation of various claims from pro- and anti-Arafat sources as to how many Fatah troops are involved in the mutiny. Supporters of Abu Salah, one of the officers leading the mutiny, indicate that hundreds have joined, while one pro-Arafat source claims the officers have been joined by only 27 enlisted men. Others put the figure at about 90.

It is unclear where the mutineers are located. One pro-Arafat source said they are all near the northeastern Lebanese town of Baalbek. But a western reporter who went to Lebanon's Bekaa Valley with a pro-Arafat group said he was told the mutineers are in at least two locations in the Bekaa.

The mutineers themselves have never revealed where they are (Continued on back page)

Radio Moscow denounces 'Soviet aggression'

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A spokesman for Radio Moscow yesterday blamed a news announcer for three bulletins praising Afghans for fighting against "Soviet invaders."

The spokesman said the wording of the items on its English-language world service was a personal mistake by announcer Vladimir Danchev. He gave no further information and did not say if any action had been taken against Danchev.

In news bulletins at 11:00, 12:00 and 13:00 GMT, Danchev switched around the usual Soviet form of words for covering the Afghan war and essentially branded Soviet troops as aggressors instead of the anti-Communist guerrilla forces.

In the first two bulletins, he said, "The population of Afghanistan plays an increasing role in defending the country's territory against Soviet occupants." He said that a meeting of tribal elders had declared that "the activity carried out from Soviet territory endangers the security of the population of Afghanistan."

In the third bulletin Danchev changed the wording, saying the Afghan population was playing an (Continued on Page 4)

Arens says Syrian stance worrisome

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that America's relations with Israel are "closer" than its links with any other country in the world.

He also said there was great cause for concern over recent Syrian activity in Lebanon and on the Golan Heights. There were worrisome indications that Syria might be preparing for war, but no knowledge that Syria was actually planning to attack, he said.

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Arens said that relations between the U.S. and Israel had "improved significantly of late" and he was optimistic that this trend would develop even further.

"We have received some good and encouraging letters lately from figures in the administration," he said, without spelling out exactly whom he was referring to.

On the problem of the Syrian veto of the agreement with Lebanon, Arens said that "any increase in the Syrian influence in Lebanon would increase the likelihood of Lebanon being more hostile to Israel, and vice versa."

Arens praised the "solid stand" taken by Lebanese President Amin Jemayel against all external pressures, and said it was noteworthy that Moslem Lebanese elements had supported Jemayel in his firm resistance to pressure against the agreement.

According to Lebanese law, Arens said, the agreement with Israel came into force with its ap- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Two Tel Aviv teams to meet for State Cup

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

Maccabi Tel Aviv beat Maccabi Haifa in a State Cup soccer semi-final match at the Ramat Gan Stadium yesterday, after one of the most remarkable games ever seen on an Israeli football field. The score was level at 3-3 after 90 minutes, and 4-4 after 30 minutes of overtime.

The match was then decided by means of a penalty kick shoot-out, and 18 shots were required before Maccabi Tel Aviv broke ahead to win, 5-4. The other semi-final was won by Hapoel Tel Aviv, which beat Hapoel Lod 3-0 in overtime, after a very draw 90 minutes had ended in a 0-0 draw.

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As cabinet meets today Angry doctors warn of more strike action

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Medical Association chairman Dr. Ram Ishai last night said that if the government fails to come up with a new approach today to the wage demands of the country's physicians, they will break off negotiations again and once more step up their tactics.

The doctors will not compromise, Ishai vowed to 3,000 IMA members at a militant gathering in Netanya. The struggle could take place in the hospitals, or may involve their abandonment, as occurred earlier this week. A large majority of the doctors backed calls for reintroducing stronger sanctions.

A special cabinet session on the issue was scheduled for today.

Earlier, any hopes that the country's doctors may have had that their Sunday walkout would result in new pay offers seem to have been dashed following a meeting between Health Minister Eliezer Shostak and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday.

Some observers saw the meeting as violating the agreement reached yesterday morning, whereby 30 per cent of the hospital doctors were to resume work by 7 p.m. yesterday.

But IMA spokesman Dr. Shmuel Friedman maintained that the doctors were keeping their side of the bargain, and that those at the meeting were not among the 30 per cent going back to work.

The three-hour meeting between Aridor and Shostak was to work out a joint plan of action to handle the three-month-old strike and prevent a recurrence of the acrimonious exchange between the two at Sunday's cabinet meeting in which Shostak accused Aridor of misleading the public.

Although they would not give details of the agreement, spokesmen for the two ministers stressed that there had been "no tension." Insiders regarded the use of this term as a hint that Shostak had given in to Aridor's demand that any offer to the doctors should not exceed the framework of the basic wage agreement negotiated with the Histadrut in October 1982.

The Treasury is standing firm at an overall wage increase of 22 per cent for the doctors, with a 35 per cent rise for younger MD's and an 8 per cent increment for their senior colleagues.

Until now, Shostak had argued that the doctors were a special group and were in any case not included in the Histadrut wage agreement. He had also noted that negotiations with the doctors had begun six months before the other wage pact was signed.

The harmony between the two ministers seemed to lessen the chances of intervention from Prime Minister Menachem Begin, for which the IMA had appealed.

In general, the Treasury has been harsher and the health ministry more conciliatory, towards the doctors. The IMA has already asked that the negotiations be taken out of the hands of the Finance Ministry, with the latter replying that "just as we cannot say who should represent the doctors, they cannot dictate who should represent the government."

Absent from yesterday's meeting was health ministry director-general Baruch Modan, generally considered to favour the doctors.

It was Modan who on Monday night telephoned Israel Radio to ask them to stop reading the names of doctors for whom back-to-work orders had been issued an hour earlier on the grounds that an agreement was imminent. According to one source, Modan then called Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir for retroactive approval of his action and, upon learning he had acted illegally, again called the radio to rescind his request.

But a source in the IMA said yesterday that it was Aridor, hearing that the reading of the names had stopped, who immediately appealed to Zamir to resume it.

Doctors relieve their overworked colleagues

By HAIM SHAPIRO
and LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporters
and Itim

Hours before they were officially required to do so, doctors began trickling back into the hospital wards yesterday to relieve their beleaguered colleagues.

In a last-minute agreement, worked out early yesterday morning, after hours of three-sided telephone negotiations by Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan, Attorney-General Yitzhak

Zamir and the Israel Medical Association, the IMA finally agreed to accept Zamir's offer to rescind the back-to-work orders issued to them the night before if they would return to work voluntarily.

The doctors also agreed to staff the Kupat Holim clinics on a part-time basis to care for patients with chronic ailments.

The clinics are to receive such patients on Mondays and Thursdays, when the doctors will also make house calls. Kupat Holim director Professor Haim Doron

yesterday appealed to the public not to flood the clinics, so as to make it possible for the doctors to treat those who need them most.

Although according to the agreement, the doctors were to return to work at 7 p.m. yesterday, those who for various reasons had not been far from home started coming in during the morning hours, to replace physicians, many of whom had been on duty for over 48 hours.

At the hematology department at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Nissim rejects Knesset body's request for Karp documents

By ROBERT ROSENBERG,
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HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim has turned down the Knesset Law Committee's request for copies of the so-called Karp committee documents on Jewish vigilantism in the West Bank.

Nissim told committee chairman

Eli Kulas that giving the documents to the committee would hamper the implementation of the recommendations made by an inter-ministerial committee chaired by deputy attorney-general Yehudi Karp. Karp resigned as chairman, late last month to protest against inaction by the authorities responsible for law and order in the administered territories.

Karp has agreed to join a new "working team" set up yesterday by Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

The team — sources involved refuse to call it a "committee" — is to prepare a paper that will form the basis for a meeting to be held soon, possibly next week, between Arens, Zamir, Nissim and Interior Minister Yosef Burg. On the team will be senior officials from the army, police, security services, and Justice Ministry.

Nissim told Kulas that the report names suspects whose interrogation has not been completed, and for

that reason cannot be made public. Nissim said that Zamir had made that point to him as a reason to prohibit publication.

Kulas suggested that the team be given the documents with the names of those involved crossed out. Nissim said he would suggest that to Zamir. But Zamir told The Jerusalem Post last night that the new committee — and the ministerial-level meetings scheduled to discuss law enforcement in the territories — would concentrate on "the future, on resources needed for effective action" and not on the specific incidents listed in the Karp documents.

Zamir noted that the Karp documents were not investigative. Rather, they recorded a number of examples of past incidents and suggested ways to alleviate the confusion about who is responsible for enforcing the law in the territories. Meanwhile, Arens yesterday reiterated that most of those men (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

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BULLETIN
WASHINGTON (AP). — The Democratic Party-controlled House of Representatives voted last night to spend \$625 million for development and flight-testing of the MX missile.
A resolution giving at least a temporary go-ahead to the \$17 billion programme now goes to the Senate, which is expected to vote its approval today.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy - with a night drop in temperature.

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	49	12-24
Golan	36	14-26
Nahariya	67	16-25
Nafat	71	13-25
Haifa Port	61	19-24
Tiberias	53	17-23
Nazareth	32	15-28
Afula	30	15-28
Shimon	42	15-28
Tel Aviv	70	18-24
B-G Airport	51	16-28
Jericho	36	18-32
Caesarea	76	18-25
Be'er Sheva	70	16-30
Haifa	14	22-36

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin yesterday hosted a supper for 10 members of the Luxembourg parliament, headed by Speaker Nicolas Mosar. The visitors also met Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres and Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Elihu Ben-Elissar. Savorid also hosted a delegation of Christian Democratic members of the European Parliament, headed by Paolo Barbi of Italy.

Aura Herzog, wife of President Chaim Herzog, will be the guest of honour at a party at WIZO house this morning and will address the gathering on issues "close to her heart."

Deputy Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister Simha Ehrlich yesterday held a farewell meeting with Alfred Persi, agricultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy here, who is ending his term of duty.

Professor Benjamin Mazar will speak on bible and archeology at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today. Ladies are invited.

Yehuda Haber, general manager of Clarin company which manages the Jerusalem Club Centre, will speak on the advent and development of shopping centres in Israel at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club, 1 p.m., at the YMCA today.

Arens invited to Paris
Defence Minister Moshe Arens will probably visit France next week.

The minister was invited to the Le Bourget air show by Jacques Mitterrand, the president of France's aeronautics association.

Arens is expected to meet senior French officials during his visit.

Argov expected to go home soon
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Shlomo Argov is expected to leave the Israeli hospital where he is being treated in the near future and return home, his wife Hava said last night at a reception here to launch publication of *An Ambassador Speaks Out*, a collection of her husband's speeches and lectures.

Argov, shot in the head almost a year ago in an assassination attempt, is definitely making progress, according to his wife. "He knows everything that is going on, he reads the papers and watches television," she said.

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The wedding took place within the family circle.

TOMORROW — Haga (Civil Defence)
Exercise in Mitzpeh Rimon

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 26, there will be a Haga exercise in Mitzpeh Rimon between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. During the exercise, the sound of firing and explosions will be heard, and the sirens will sound the all clear. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

HOME NEWS

Reagan now supports increased aid for Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration yesterday said for the first time it would actually support congressional increases in economic and military assistance to Israel in the pending foreign aid bill.

The administration's earlier position had been that it would not oppose such increases, stopping short of actually endorsing them.

The shift, according to Israeli officials and American Jewish political activists, was significant, and seemed to ensure eventual congressional passage of the aid increases. At issue is nearly \$500 million.

At the same time, the administration linked increases for Israel to more aid for Egypt. The State Department's top Middle East specialist, Assistant Secretary Nicholas Velocis, told the house appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations that Egypt also

needed more assistance. He proposed that Egypt receive an additional \$65m. beyond the original administration recommendation.

The change in administration policy followed separate actions in recent weeks by the House and Senate Foreign Affairs Committee to authorize more assistance for Israel. No such similar legislation was approved for Egypt.

Velocis testified for more than two hours before the panel, chaired by Democrat Clarence Long of Maryland. During the hearing, there was no opposition expressed to the aid increases for Israel — in fact, nearly every member who spoke expressed support for the higher aid figures.

The administration's decision to support the aid increases was apparently the result of improved ties with Jerusalem and a recognition that Congress was likely to go ahead with them irrespective of the administration's position.

Saudi King Fahd exchanges messages with Syria's Assad

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post-Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Saudi King Fahd yesterday dispatched a special envoy to Damascus in what was reported as another bid to get Syria to soften its opposition to the agreement between Israel and Lebanon.

The envoy, Sheikh Abdul-Atiz Toweijari, delivered a letter from Fahd to Syrian President Hafez Assad, and returned to Riyadh a few hours later with a reply from Assad to Fahd.

An official Syrian statement reported Toweijari's arrival and his meeting with Assad, but did not elaborate.

There was little indication that this latest Saudi attempt to soften Syria's position was any more successful than previous ones. Even a direct encounter, in Jeddah earlier this month between Assad and Fahd failed to shake Syria's total rejection of the accord.

Meanwhile, South Yemen followed Libya, Iraq and Kuwait in completely rejecting the accord, marking another success for Damascus's bid to counter Lebanon's campaign to garner pan-Arab support for the agreement.

So far, Egypt, Sudan and Oman — the only two Arab states to maintain normal relations with Egypt since its peace treaty with Israel — have come out solidly in support of the agreement, with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, as well as Algeria, combining expressions of

"understanding" for Lebanon's predicament with a call for a general Arab political offensive designed to get Israel to withdraw not only from Lebanon but also from the other territories it seized in 1967.

An unidentified official in Damascus hinted that this linkage might have been included in Fahd's message to Assad, noting that it dealt with "the situation in the area in general and in Lebanon in particular."

In a related development, the official Soviet news agency Tass appeared to refute assessments in Jerusalem and in Washington that the allegedly "positive" Arab response to the Israel-Lebanese accord had surprised Moscow and induced it to put pressure on Damascus to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

Tass said in a commentary on Monday that U.S. "propaganda has lately been noisily building up the Lebanese-Israeli agreement, describing it as an important contribution to the 'peace process' in the Middle East."

Official Washington simultaneously makes attempts to present things in a way as if this agreement is broadly supported in the Arab world, while Syria, which firmly turned it down, found itself in isolation," Tass said.

The news agency said this "wishful thinking" because the Arab public has rejected the agreement.

DOCTORS

(Continued from Page One)

(Ein Karem). Dr. Dina Steiner, who had been on the job since Saturday night, was not ready to go home. She was still at her desk advising day care patients. "Our patients are special," she said, referring to those who come to the Shaare Zedek Oncology Institute. "We cannot delay their care for one day for physical and emotional reasons."

Professor Eliezer Rachmilewitz, head of the department, said he felt his department was typical of those around the country handling serious cases. These patients, he said, had received exactly the same care as before, all through the strike. "I'm tired of hearing about patients not getting good care because of the strike," he said, noting that his department had operated at over 100 per cent capacity for much of the strike.

In Beersheba rested doctors were coming on duty at Soroka Hospital to replace tired colleagues. By 8 a.m. today the hospital should be operating at its pre-walkout 30 per cent capacity.

Dr. David Ronnen, nominal director of Soroka since the doctors strike, told *The Jerusalem Post* that 30 per cent is still not enough. "I am despondent and depressed," he said.

Dr. Naftali Shani, who has been interim director at Soroka, is optimistic. "I have no doubt that we have gained something by our drastic action."

At Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv relief doctors began to appear hours before they were supposed to report for duty.

At Beilinson, Dr. Yitzhak Moor, deputy director-general, said the fact that "those doctors on duty for more than two full days would be

allowed to go home, rest, and get a good night's sleep" had a highly stimulating effect. "Nevertheless, some of these doctors expressed disappointment that the wholesale planned desertion by their colleagues had failed to accomplish anything. They feel that they are back to square one again."

Yesterday Magen David Adom charged that the doctors, who had been allowed to use MDA communications equipment to keep in touch with the hospitals, had actually used the equipment in organizing Sunday's mass exodus.

In Jerusalem, hundreds of medical students from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa demonstrated in front of the Prime Minister's Office in support of the striking doctors. While in Tel Aviv para-medical organizations, representing both the government and Histadrut sectors, yesterday called upon the president, the prime minister and the health minister to do their utmost to bring the doctors' strike to a speedy end.

The organizations, representing nurses, biochemists, microbiologists, therapists, and others, criticized the doctors for "abandoning" their patients, endangering their health, while at the same time imposing an intolerable burden on the para-medical organizations.

Peace Now gearing up for Lebanon march
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Saul Friedlander, writer Amos Elon and MK Yossi Sarid will address a Peace Now meeting at Beit Agon in Jerusalem at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The meeting will be a preliminary activity to the week-long march from Lebanon to Tel Aviv, beginning Saturday evening. The march will follow a route from Rosh Hanikra to Tel Aviv, a distance of 130 kilometres.

Peace Now opened an office in Beersheba this week, on the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the local branch. The first function of the office will be to co-ordinate participants in the march from the south of the country.

Former Supreme Court justice Haim Cohn, chairman of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, gave a lecture at Ben-Gurion University last night on "Civil rights in Israel and the territories."

Shlomo wins in Paris
Post Sports Staff

Shlomo Glickstein won his first-round match in the French Open Tennis championships in Paris last night, by beating Pender Murphy of the U.S. 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Old-timers give 'new evidence' in 1933 Arlosoroff murder

TEL AVIV (Iim). — Three septuagenarians yesterday gave the state commission of inquiry into the 1933 murder of Haim Arlosoroff evidence which they claimed to have held back 50 years ago because of intimidation.

Two activists in the Revisionist Zionist movement, forerunner of today's ruling Herut Party, were charged with the murder of labour movement leader Arlosoroff, but were ultimately acquitted for lack of evidence. Last year, the government, determined to end what it called a history of libel against pre-state rightist leaders, appointed the commission.

First to appear in public before the commission was Binyamin Gur, 74, who told of his arrest, interrogation and release shortly after the murder. A fellow activist and flatmate of Revisionist leader Abba Ahimeir at the time, Gur had spent time at Nahalal, a labour bastion, and claimed to have overheard conversations there about political intrigues of left Zionist party leaders.

According to the witness, it was only because of this secret knowledge that he was allowed to keep his job — politically motivated harassment by labourites ceased, he alleged, after he threatened to divulge what he knew — and the

same factor led to his release after interrogation about the murder.

Gur told how police investigator Bechor Shitrit had asked him to re-enact this his meetings during the previous months. This followed the opening question, according to the witness: "Why did you murder Arlosoroff?"

The next witness was Yona Farber, 70, a former construction worker who came to the country in 1932. He testified that he had seen two young men fleeing by bicycle on the night of the murder across the beach and through the nearby Moslem cemetery. He had a glimpse of them, and was sure that neither one was Avraham Stavsky, charged with the crime.

Farber said that he mentioned to a neighbour what he had seen, but was told that he better keep quiet if he did not want to get a beating. Because of such "terror and threats," he explained, he did not go to the police, he added, and said that the public then was "brainwashed" to believe that the defendants were in fact the killers.

Yesterday's final witness was Moshe Strozenberg, 71, who also described having seen two men, "one tall and one of medium

build," near the murder scene. According to him, they were running, and shone a light in his face on passing him. Because of this and the darkness, he could not have identified them, even then, he said.

(Prime evidence against the two who were charged with the murder was visual identification by the victim's wife, who also said that the killers had shone a light in her face.)

Strozenberg too said that at the time, he heeded the advice of his uncle to keep quiet and "not get involved in a political dispute."

Also at yesterday's session, the commission, headed by retired Supreme Court justice David Bechor, decided to go to Assuta Hospital in Tel Aviv to interview Zvi Rozenblat, the other man accused in the case.

The commission accepted the applications of several persons who have requested to appear, and scheduled their testimony for the next two sessions, June 14 and 19. It also decided to send an official letter of warning to the children of Arlosoroff's late widow, on the possibility that conclusions may be drawn concerning the weight or reliability of her testimony at the trial in light of evidence being heard.



Two young Yemenite dance troupe members shake hands with Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday at a Knesset ceremony marking 100 years of Jewish immigration from Yemen. (Zoom 77)

Knesset fetes Yemenite aliya centenary

Post Knesset Reporter

The virtues and contributions of the Yemenite Jewry were lauded in the Knesset yesterday in a special session marking the 100th anniversary of the first immigration of Yemenite Jews to Eretz Yisrael.

Speaker Menachem Savorid said that unlike the first and second waves of immigration from Europe, the Yemenites were not tempted by the enticement of America and never caught the disease of emigration from this country.

Two Yemenite MKs, Deputy

Education Minister Miriam Glazer-Tarasa and Yehuda Hersh, recounted the history of Yemenite immigration and stressed the integration of the group in all walks of Israeli life, and their boundless love for the land, the people, and the Torah of Israel.

Every seat in the public gallery was filled, and at the close of the session, 1,000 invited guests went to Chagall Hall, where they were greeted by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Alignment chairman Shimon Peres.

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tioned in the Karp documents are civilians, making the documents essentially a police problem.

He told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the problem was one of proper resources for the police and was not a matter of "reluctance" on the part of anyone, to enforce the law.

But senior sources in both the Justice Ministry and the Interior Ministry — which is responsible for the national police — refuted that, saying that "beyond the Green Line the local military commander is the highest authority, indeed he is the inspector-general of police."

Arens, at his meeting with Zamir yesterday, promised that law enforcement in the territories would be conducted "without discrimination and without bias."

At yesterday's meeting were, in addition to Zamir and Arens, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, OC central command Aluf Uri Or, Karp and assistant state prosecutor Dorit Beinisch.

One civilian ministry source commented yesterday that "Arens still has to learn that he is the ruler of the West Bank. If he wants the security services and the police to catch somebody, it's up to him and nobody else to tell them and keep

after them until they do it. Because, as defence minister, he is the boss."

A letter by 14 Hebrew university law professors, who wrote Zamir on July 27, 1980, asked that action be taken to "comprehensively investigate private police actions in the territories and to bring suspects to justice." The letter is admitted by the Justice Ministry to be the impetus that eventually led to the formation of the original Karp committee.

The letter describes several alleged instances of "private police action," including kidnapping, assault and the use of military issue weapons and communications systems, by known perpetrators, who were not questioned by either the police or military authorities. The incidents date from March 1976 to April 1980.

An unofficial list, prepared by Dedi Zucker of the Citizens Rights Movement, details alleged vigilante activities between early March 1982 until the middle of this month.

Unlike the professors' list, which describes vandalism and a number of personal injury cases allegedly involving beatings, the CRM list details at least five cases in which people were shot to death. It alleges that investigations were either not conducted or closed after cursory questioning.

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proval by the Lebanese parliament, and did not have to await ratification by the Lebanese government. (Israel has already given its ratification; Lebanon has not as yet.)

Arens denied that IDF Chief-of-Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy had drafted recommendations calling for the banishment of Arab rioters from the administered territories, across the cease-fire lines.

Committee members made the following points among others: Mordechai Gur (Labour): We must not insist on a total Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon and we must seek an arrangement based on the level of Syrian presence we can live with.

Amnon Lim (Labour): We must not let the Christian Phalange intervene us into disarming the Druse

so that they can take over the Shouf Mountains.

Yigael Harvitz (Likud): Former IDF Intelligence Chief Aluf Yehoshua Saguy is being penalized in the spirit as well as the letter of the Kahan report on the refugee camp affair, whereas some cabinet ministers who traditionally preached the importance of dignity and nobility made sure they themselves got away with it.

Yossi Sarid (Labour): The disregard for law and order prevailing in the areas will eventually creep over into Israel, and in fact has already done so.

Yitzhak Rabin (Labour): There is no danger whatsoever of a Syrian attack against us in Lebanon because Syria knows it has no chance, as long as it is alone.

Sharon blocked from taking official papers to farm

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

State archives director Dr. Avraham Alsheg acted last February to ensure that the official papers of the defence minister Ariel Sharon be transferred to his farm in the south of the country.

Reports at the time said Sharon was busy transferring official papers from his Tel Aviv bureau to his home.

Alsheg was speaking yesterday at a press conference devoted to the launching of the third volume of Israel's foreign policy papers. The papers deal with the armistice negotiations with the Arab states between December 1948 and July 1949.

Alsheg said there had been a "difficult struggle" with Sharon to prevent the transfer of the papers, which according to the 1955 Archives Law are the property of the state. The archives had informed the State Comptroller's Office about Sharon's intention to keep the papers and the comptroller and the Attorney-General's Office had intervened.

It is not clear whether the intervention resulted in the retrieval of all the papers from Sharon's hands.

Sharon was unavailable for comment last night. Retiring ministers are allowed to keep copies of all official papers they have handled, but must leave the originals in their ministries, ultimately to be deposited in the archives. The ministers are not allowed to publish the documents in whole or part without permission of a special cabinet committee.

The government is formulating new regulations regarding the use of state papers by retiring ministers and high officials.

Following the incident with Sharon, the state archivist issued guidelines to ministries regarding the disposal of papers in the ministers' bureaux.

Alsheg said the archives have a number of "long-term ideas" for future publication of government documents. The archives is considering publishing a batch of documents relating to the establishment of the state education system in the early 1950s.

Alsheg also said that volume two of the foreign policy documents would be published "within months" and that the archives would publish one volume of documents for each year from 1950. In response to a question, he said he is opposed to publishing the protocols of cabinet meetings.

IDF signal corps needs skilled manpower

By HUSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

The Israel Defence Forces are having a hard time finding the thousands of technicians it needs, according to chief communications and electronics officer Tal-Aluf Mordechai Bar-Dagan.

Bar-Dagan told military correspondents in Tel Aviv yesterday, that the technological training infrastructure in Israel was incapable of supplying the IDF's manpower needs. Thousands of jobs were open, he said.

Bar Dagan said one of his main problems in terms of retaining qualified manpower was stiff competition from private, high-technology-based industries, whose terms were more attractive than anything the army could offer. The problem was particularly acute when it came to computers, Bar-Dagan said.

He was speaking on Communications Day, celebrating the branch's 35th anniversary.

With regard to the Lebanese war, he said that several gaps had been found in the performance of Israel's communications corps. It was felt, after analyzing relevant data, that closer co-ordination was needed between forces. The army's heavy dependence on women soldiers created a manpower shortage in the training of communications facilities in Lebanon, because women are not allowed to serve in combat zones.

Among the subjects being studied at present is whether to place a heavier reliance on computerized systems to replace manpower.

Bar-Dagan said it would take less than a month for him to withdraw his equipment and men from Lebanon, though it was unclear what would be done with the underground cables laid over the past year.

Communications equipment captured from the PLO had been used to facilitate Army Radio broadcasts during the war, he said.

Ex-employee of convent arrested

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Bethlehem resident and a former employee of the Russian Orthodox convent in Ein Kerem was arrested early yesterday for questioning about the murder of two nuns at the convent last week.

A police source said the autopsy verified that a knife was the murder weapon and the weapon has not been found.

Other former employees are to be questioned in the case, police sources said.

By this afternoon, the police will have to decide whether to ask for a remand order against the Bethlehem man. Such a request will probably be made, a police source said, if the man does not co-operate in the investigation.

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Daughters: Judith, Abigail and family

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will take place tomorrow, Thursday, May 26, 1983 at 2:30 p.m. in the Holon cemetery. We will meet at the new gate.

The Family

Nurses authorized to do nine medical procedures

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Conflicting opinions on the ability of registered nurses to carry out nine medical procedures authorized by the Health Ministry were expressed yesterday by the heads of hospitals.

Prof. Dan Michaeli, head of Ichilov, upon receiving authorization from Prof. Baruch Modan, director-general of the ministry, immediately issued a circular "delaying implementation of these procedures by the nurses until such time as an 'actual need arose.'" He also said that allowing the nurses to undertake these newly authorized steps "might in certain cases be detrimental to the health of patients."

(The Jerusalem Post recently reported that nurses in certain hospitals had been covering for striking doctors by doing work usually undertaken only by qualified MDs — without formal authorization.)

However, at Beilinson, Dr. Yitzhak Moor, deputy director-

general, said "We have the fullest confidence in our nurses." He not only drew a distinction between practical nurses and registered nurses, but he said that only those registered nurses who have been fully trained in these specialized procedures either on-the-job or in special courses, would be allowed to carry them out.

"The latter," he said, "are often just as skilled as the doctors they work with, and in some cases are far superior to the doctors, especially those who recently graduated from medical schools and who have had little practical experience."

The procedures that nurses are authorized to do are: Various means of resuscitation, intravenous injections, introducing nasal tubes, withdrawing blood from a vein, taking a decision to transfer patients from one department to another, changing bandages after operations, removing surgical clamps or stitches, removing casts from broken bones, and introducing catheters.



Curious fish watch divers from Haifa's Centre for Maritime Studies blow sand away from an object they want to examine on the sea floor at the ancient harbour of Caesarea on the Mediterranean coast. For this year's seventh season at the site, 60 North American volunteers are joining archaeologists in exploring the southern part of the port, where they will try to raise the wooden hull of a first-century Roman ship.

Herzog visits Bikur Holim

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Chaim Herzog yesterday paid a half-hour call on the staff and patients at Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem in what he called a "symbolic gesture to focus the concern of the public" over the doctors' strike.

Herzog, who had not been inside Bikur Holim since visiting his wife Aura in 1948 when she was recuperating from wounds sustained in the bombing of the Jewish Agency, would not disclose his personal opinion on the physicians' demands.

"I am limited as to what I can say on this controversy," he said, during a tour of the cardiology department. But he repeated his call for a solution to the problem made earlier this week at an Israel Editors Committee meeting. "A solution will be reached eventually. So why not make it sooner rather than later?" he said.

Herzog, led through the emergency room and cardiology ward by hospital medical director

Prof. Shlomo Stern, chatted more with doctors and nurses than with patients. Only one senior doctor, two junior physicians and two residents were present in cardiology, half the number ordinarily assigned there. The doctors said matters were under control, although the pressure on them was intense.

Herzog, who suffered a heart attack less than a year ago, said he had come to express his solidarity with the patients, who have suffered because of the strike, and with the nurses, who have undertaken extra burdens and responsibilities in the absence of most of the doctors. "Be well," said a number of persons in the waiting room who rose as they saw the president.

Earlier, Herzog received a delegation of nurses, headed by the Nurses Association chairwoman Moriah Galil. They expressed deep concern over the results of the strike and of the danger that the Israel's "egalitarian health system might be harmed." Herzog said the public is grateful for the nurses taking on extra responsibilities.

Call for environment ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prof. Hillel Shoval, chairman of the Israel Ecological Society, yesterday called for the establishment of an environment ministry.

Shoval, addressing the opening session of the Second International Conference on Ecology and Environmental Quality, which is being held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The conference is being attended by some 350 researchers from 15 countries.

Shoval said an environment ministry was necessary "to balance the needs of economic development

with the needs of conserving the country's resources for the well-being of the present and of the future."

Conference participants were greeted by the president's wife, Aura Herzog, who is honorary president of the World Council for a Beautiful Israel, and by Interior Ministry Director-General Chaim Kibersky.

Shoval announced the award of prizes for research in the field of environmental sciences to Dr. Gershon Herbst, of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority, and two Mekorot water company workers, D. Zohar and J. Ben-Zur.

Arens uses office in Sheikh Jarrah

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Moshe Arens used his new premises in East Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah for the first time yesterday.

The occasion was Arens's meeting with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir on the maintenance of law and order in the administered territories.

"There is absolutely nothing political in Arens's choice of office," the minister's spokesman

Nachman Shai told The Jerusalem Post last night.

"We are in Jerusalem several days each week, often having to conduct unscheduled large-scale briefings with many participants, and we had no space to do this," he said.

Shai said the bureau, situated in the Housing Ministry building, was originally set up for former defence minister Ariel Sharon, but was never used.

UK paper apologizes to Israel supporters

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — The Times apologized for using the word "expatriates" in an editorial to describe British supporters of Israeli policies.

The article, published last week, discussed the role of the news media during the war in Lebanon and the hostile reaction of the British Jewish community to the coverage. It described supporters of Israel as "expatriates who have an under-

standable over-sensitivity when a minority falls under the shadow of critical majority opinion."

This brought many letters, some of which The Times published. As a footnote to two letters, the editor, Charles Douglas-Home, wrote: "The use of the word 'expatriate' was inappropriate and has led to misunderstandings, which we regret."

Teachers Week tomorrow

TEL AVIV. — Teachers week will begin tomorrow evening at the Mann Auditorium, attended by teachers from all over the country. Speakers will include Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer, the heads of the two teachers unions and Knesset Education Committee chairman Ora Namir.

Teachers Week is an annual event, initiated by the Histadrut Teachers Union, to focus public attention on teachers and their work.

Yesh Gvul slams motion.

Yesh Gvul (There's a Limit), the organization of soldiers against the war in Lebanon, yesterday labelled as "wild incitement" a motion scheduled for today's Knesset agenda by Likud MK Benny Shalit, which calls for "condemnation of those who refuse to serve their homeland."

Several dozen of the organization's nearly 2,000 members have gone to prison rather than serve in Lebanon.

Jerusalem entrance routes to be revamped

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A major transformation of the main entrance to Jerusalem that will increase its capacity by 60 per cent and plug the western end of Jaffa Road to private vehicles is to get under way next week. Expected to be completed within a year, the project is budgeted for \$120 million.

Traffic from the west heading for the centre or south of the city will be carried on a new spur, swinging right and linking the Tel Aviv highway with Sderot Shazar, the street running in front of Binyanei Ha'uma. Traffic from the west heading towards Ramat Eshkol and the north of Jerusalem will continue to turn left at the entrance as it does today.

The top section of Jaffa Road from the entrance to

Nordau Square will be made accessible only to public transportation, which will have to navigate around a traffic island that will cap its western end to discourage private vehicles from straying into it.

At a press conference yesterday, Transport Ministry officials said the project will increase the vehicular capacity of the entrance way from 3,000 an hour to 5,000 an hour. The Tel Aviv highway will be widened from four to six lanes between the entrance and the Givat Shaul road 300 metres west.

Cars travelling from Beit Hakerem towards Ramat Eshkol will be carried on a new spur slightly to the east of the present alignment from the top of Sderot Herzl to Rehov Yirmiyahu.

An official of the Public Works Department, which will carry out the project, said that it will be executed in stages to ease its impact on on-going traffic.

B'sheba relocating Beduin market

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

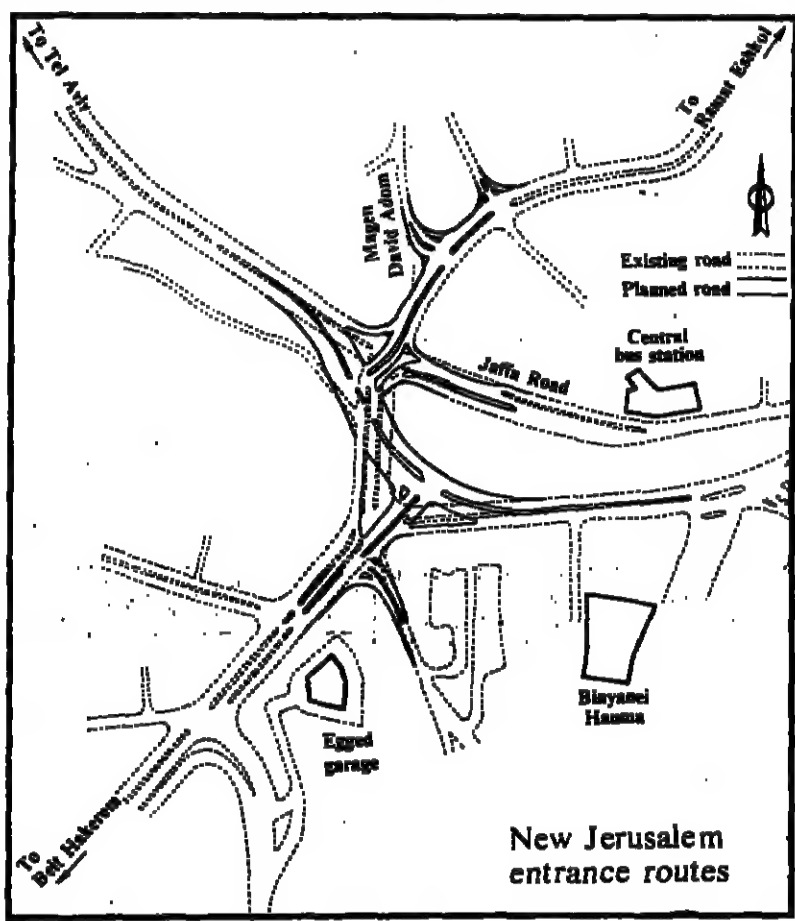
BEERSHEBA. — A new Beduin market is under construction here and will begin operating next month, Mayor Eliahu Nawi told reporters Monday afternoon.

"This Thursday will mark the last market day in the old site," he said, adding that the market will close for two weeks and reopen near the Emek Sarah business complex across the Hebron road.

The new market will cost \$180 million, according to the master plan proposed by the municipality and the Tourism Ministry.

Nawi said that construction will soon begin on a cultural centre, at a cost of \$8m.

He said that Beersheba lacks an adequate medium-sized concert hall (The Conservatory Hall seats just over 400) and a large hall. (Two 800-1,000-seat movie houses are sometimes rented for pop concerts and theatre, but no dance, opera or orchestral companies visit the city.)



Kibbutzim will discuss private property

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All private property must be handed over to the kibbutz, but if a member (or his spouse or children) later leaves, he may ask the kibbutz for a special grant.

This is the gist of a resolution facing the United Kibbutz Movement's council during a three-day meeting on social issues at Kvatutz Kinneret opening on June 2.

At a press conference yesterday previewing the meeting, David Avnery, the movement's internal affairs secretary, said some kibbutzim

think the resolution is too liberal.

He explained that when discussing restitution payments from Germany, two of the four kibbutz movements had decided that kibbutz members receiving these payments must turn the money over unconditionally to the kibbutz.

In other words, if the member dies while living on the kibbutz, the money belongs to the kibbutz, but if he leaves he gets it back.

The question of private funds is

being revived because many kibbutz members are receiving, or have the potential to receive, inheritances and other private property.

Avnery said one excuse often used by those who advocate letting kibbutzniks keep private property is that members need to be able to help their children if they leave the kibbutz. Since about half of the younger generation on kibbutzim leaves, the council will consider new rules to enable kibbutzniks to receive funds from the kibbutz to help their children. But Avnery said many young people who previously left are coming back.

Sheli conference to open on Friday

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — MKs Yossi Sarid, Shulamit Aloni and Victor Shentov are among the "political" friends Sheli has invited to its weekend convention opening here on Friday evening.

Leader Ron Cohen told a press conference yesterday that Sheli hopes to establish a left-wing, Zionist coalition. "Mapam has to make its own decision about whether to stay in the Alignment," he said, "but if and when they decide to go out on their own, they can become the central force in the kind of left-wing movement we want to create."

The convention is being held to prove that Sheli is still alive despite

the decision of some of its best-known leaders (including Uri Avnery and Mattityahu Peled) to leave the party, Cohen said.

"We feel the government's decision to go to war in Lebanon was immoral, and therefore we understand whatever form of protest our members choose to make," Cohen said. He said Sheli is against desertion from the army; the Israel Defence Forces are necessary to defend Israel and everyone must serve, "but protest against the war in Lebanon is essential."

In connection with the doctors' strike, Cohen said anyone who still clings to the framework wage agreements is hurting the interests of all workers in view of the recent jump in the index and the decline in the real value of wages.

Telephone, postal rates rise June 1

Telephone and postal rates will go up on June 1 by 4 to 9 per cent.

A local call (one call unit) will cost \$2.04, bimonthly service charges will be \$1.93, and it will cost \$6.95 to have a phone installed.

Postal rates will be as follows: Ordinary letter — \$2.50, post card — \$2.10, registered letter — \$9.10, telegram — \$13.50 and a package (up to 3 kg.) — \$27.

SAFE — Jewelry and cash valued at \$700,000 were stolen yesterday from a safe and a ticketbox in Tel Aviv's central bus station.

Labour-left list takes 75% in TA university election

By LEA LEVAVI
and MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — Alternative, the student list affiliated with the Alignment and parties to the left, won a resounding victory in Monday's student elections at Tel Aviv University, making a Labour takeover of the national student organization a near certainty later this year.

Alternative got about 75 per cent of the votes, with a record turnout of 4,900 students, about 30 per cent of the student body. In the last student elections in 1979, only 256 students, or 2 per cent, participated.

Despite mutual complaints by the different lists of violence and poster snatching during the campaign, the election itself was orderly.

Prof. Ze'ev Neuman, the election supervisor appointed by the university, said there were signs of co-operation between the lists. He said his tours of the campus during the campaign failed to yield any evidence of violence and vandalism.

Neuman will call a meeting of the elected representatives to elect their governing council. It is assumed that Yossi Sperling, head of the Alternative List, will be elected Student Union chairman.

A university spokeswoman said the administration will ask the executive committee to recognize the elected representatives as the new Student Union. The university withdrew recognition of the previous (Likud-run) Student Union because of alleged corruption and

established rules which the new body will have to follow.

The rules include the adoption of a charter spelling out procedures for fair elections and for financial management, and participation of at least 20 per cent of the students in fair and honest elections.

These conditions were met, the spokeswoman said, and the formal process of granting university recognition to the new union can begin.

An on-going trial for alleged corruption by Likud student leaders of the former union is believed to be the main reason for the Alignment sweeping back into power after more than a decade in the opposition.

Alternative gained absolute majorities in the medicine and humanities faculties, business administration, sciences and the arts. The majority of students at the preparatory courses (mechina), social sciences and engineering departments voted for Studention, self-described as non-political but considered identified with the right. A third group, openly affiliated with the Likud, received fewer votes.

The Tel Aviv vote was the second major Alignment student success this month. Three weeks ago, Labour's Ofek list, also with help from the left, swept to victory at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

A new National Student Union is to be elected in December by representatives from the country's various universities.

Pupils who use drugs to get 'discreet' treatment

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education Ministry and the police have worked out a revised set of procedures for "dealing discreetly" with pupils who are occasional users of soft drugs, so that the pupils' names will be kept off police records.

A circular published yesterday by the ministry states that if it becomes known that a pupil has been smoking marijuana or hashish, the school principal should summon the offender and his parents to discuss ways of dealing with the problem.

If the pupil has smoked only occasionally and has not dealt in drugs or encouraged others to use them, then a "discreet" procedure may be adopted. In practice, this will mean that the pupil will be referred to a teacher, psychologist or social worker for counselling.

The police will be informed of the

case and will question the pupil on the source of the drugs. This is to be done "discreetly" by a plain-clothes juvenile officer in the principal's office, without the pupil's name being put on police records.

If a pupil is an active user or pusher of soft drugs, or a user of hard drugs, then the police will conduct an investigation in the usual manner by opening a file on the case. They will also open files in cases of occasional users of soft drugs who refuse to take part in counselling programmes or who refuse to co-operate with the police by disclosing the sources of the drugs.

The ministry spokesman said the revised procedures were worked out over the past year to prevent the sort of misunderstandings and tensions between principals and the police that have occurred in the past.

Opposition to 1983 census

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

About 20 per cent of ultra-Orthodox Jews in the Mea She'arim and Ramot Polin quarters of Jerusalem have refused to participate in the 1983 population census, a spokesman for the Central Bureau of Statistics told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

On Monday the CBS's 6,000 census-takers began distributing questionnaires around the country. Residents have until June 4 to complete them.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews oppose the

census on the grounds that it violates religious laws. The chief rabbis have, however, called on the population to co-operate with the census.

The main opposition, according to the bureau spokesman, is expected from Natorei Karta and various other ultra-Orthodox groups, which do not recognize the authority of the chief rabbis. The spokesman said that so far the percentage of refusals has been lower than expected.

By the middle of next week all families in the country should have received census forms.

Zipori: Eisenberg acting against deal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori yesterday accused international businessman Saul Eisenberg and his employees of "whispering" a campaign against the government's proposed \$700 million deal with Siemens of Switzerland.

Briefing the Knesset State Control Committee on the proposal to purchase modern telephone exchanges from Siemens, Zipori described those he said were trying

to prevent the deal as "a group of mafiosi."

Zipori said that Eisenberg's company had not bid for the tender issued by his ministry for the supply of the equipment. Only after the ministry had decided to open negotiations with Siemens, Zipori said, did Eisenberg approach him and try to convince him to decide in favour of his company.

Zipori added that after he refused Eisenberg's request, a slander campaign against the Swiss company had begun.

Herziya mayor crashes Labour Party meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Mayor Yosef Nevo and a number of supporters crashed a meeting organized here this week by Simha Langer, the secretary of the local Labour Party branch. The meeting was intended to organize forces opposed to Nevo as the party's candidate for mayor in the forthcoming local authority elections.

At a meeting two weeks ago of all party factions, it was agreed that

Nevo would top the party's list. The Langer faction agreed, presumably because they expected to get the No. 2 slot for their man. However, Nevo has demanded the right to choose the No. 2 person himself, and the Langer faction has withdrawn its support.

BEACHES. — The Haifa Rotary Club has started a clean-up campaign of the city's beaches with the aid of high school pupils.

In sorrow, we announce the death of

Dr. HANNAH OPPENHEIMER ז"ל

Our sister-in-law and aunt

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, May 25, 1983 (Sivan 13, 5743) leaving at 11 a.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour.

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Pitay Families
Hazon-Pitay Organization

Rishon parents to act against school reform

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — An action committee is threatening to close 12 of the town's 17 elementary schools for an indefinite period, starting on Sunday, by keeping their children away from school. They will take the action if plans to introduce the reform in education here by initiating the junior high-school system are not dropped. The committee maintains that the reform will lower the quality of education in the schools.

The municipality, which supports the reform in education, is trying to take legal measures against the action committee.

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Mozambique will allow ANC refugees to stay

MAPUTO, Mozambique. — Mozambique will allow African National Congress refugees to live in the country but will arrest any who hear arms against South Africa, Information Minister Jose Luis Cabaco said yesterday.

Cabaco travelled with foreign journalists to the sites of Monday's air strike by South African air force jets against alleged ANC bases, in retaliation for a bloody car bomb blast the ANC said it set off in Pretoria on Friday.

Mozambique said the jet attack killed six people, including two women and two children, and wounded 40 others, almost all of them Mozambicans.

South Africa claimed yesterday the strike killed 64 people, including 41 members of the ANC.

The South African Defence Force said in a statement in Pretoria that "latest confirmed intelligence reports" showed 17 of those killed

were Mozambican soldiers and six were civilians, in addition to the 41 "guerrillas."

Referring to eye-witness accounts of the scene, the defence force said: "Sealing off an area hit by security forces, hiding the bodies of terrorists and showing dead civilians to sympathetic journalists have been standard propaganda ploys during every war in the last two decades."

At the UN, Mozambique's foreign minister said Monday his government would not ask for a Security Council session on the attack because "we have other ways to respond to provocations." Joaquim Alberto Chissano met with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to discuss the raid and said afterward his government would continue to support the ANC, which is seeking to end white-minority rule in South Africa.

"We will continue to fight until apartheid is down," the foreign

minister said. But he denied that Mozambique had anything to do with ANC attacks inside South Africa.

In a statement issued in the Tanzanian capital, Dar es Salaam, the ANC reacted to the retaliatory air strike in a communiqué, saying, "Once more the racist regime is threatening to intensify its campaign of aggression against the independent states of southern Africa."

Egypt yesterday denounced the air strike as a "treacherous aggression" and a threat to peace in southern Africa. "This aggression on the sovereignty of Mozambique is a flagrant violation of the United Nations charter," an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

India also condemned the air raid, calling them an "unlawful and wanton act" of aggression.

Zambia called the South African action barbaric, unreasonable and foolish. (AP, Reuters)

Turkish offices bombed in Brussels

BRUSSELS. — The Turkish tourist office and a travel agency specializing in Turkish holidays were rocked by bomb blasts in downtown Brussels yesterday, police said.

A police spokesman said no one was killed and that one person, the manager of the travel agency, was slightly injured by flying glass.

In Paris, an Armenian terrorist group claimed responsibility for the bombings in a telephone call to the French news agency. "This is a communiqué from the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia," an anonymous caller told Agence France Presse in English. "The Pierre Guldman group takes entire responsibility for the bomb attacks against the Turkish tourist office in Brussels and we will continue our war."

According to the caller, Pierre Guldman, 23, was a French national born in Beirut who died last July 30 when the bomb he was making exploded in a house in Gagny, north of Paris.

Meanwhile in Corsica, five bombs exploded on Monday night after separatists had claimed responsibility for a wave of bomb attacks earlier in the day, police said.

The banned Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), which is seeking the island's independence from France, said it had planted more than 50 bombs in what was seen as a warning to the authorities three weeks before a visit by President Francois Mitterrand. Forty-three of them exploded. (AP, Reuters)

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increasing role in defending the country "against bands infiltrated from the Soviet Union. Reports in Kabul say that tribes living in the eastern provinces of Nangahar and Pakia have joined in the struggle against the Soviet invaders," he added.

In the closing news summary, Danchev summarized the item by saying the Afghan population was taking an "increasingly active part in action against the Soviet forces."

Western diplomats were surprised and puzzled by the bulletins. They said that a slip of the tongue seemed unlikely, especially as Danchev used identical wording in two broadcasts an hour apart. "This leaves the possibility of some kind of protest, either by an individual or a group, and that obviously cannot be ruled out," one West European diplomat said.

Western diplomats said they viewed the incident as the first deliberate act of sabotage of the Soviet media in protest against the Kremlin's Afghan policy. But they said it was not clear whether the moves were personal ones by Danchev or whether he had unwittingly read texts prepared with wording changed by sub-editors.

169 killed in week of fighting in Peru

LIMA (AP). The Peruvian army announced on Monday that 169 people — all but two of them rebels and peasants — were killed in a week of fighting in Central Peru.

It was the bloodiest week in the three-year-old guerrilla war, and raised the official death toll in two months of fighting to 560.

About 1,000 officers of the civil guard, national police and Republican Guard — backed by 2,000 soldiers — are battling an estimated 500 to 700 leftist rebels around the state capital of Ayacucho, 560 kilometres south-east of Lima.

President Fernando Belaunde told reporters he was considering pulling out the soldiers and sending in a "more modern and flexible" police force. He did not elaborate, but apparently was referring to a special anti-guerrilla police squad.

NEWS IN BRIEF

France, Iraq agree on \$1.7b. debt settlement

PARIS (AP). — Iraq and France have reached agreement on how to settle Iraq's \$1.7-billion debt to France, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz left for Baghdad at the end of talks with French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson. Details of the agreement were not announced.

Aziz told reporters on May 13 that Iraq was not able to settle its debt with France in cash because of its war with Iran. He said Iraq proposed to pay off the debt with shipments of crude oil.

Quietest jet in world flies over London

LONDON (AP). — A new 88-seat British jetliner, the British Aerospace 146, dipped low over London on Monday to demonstrate its quiet engines. The plane was on its way to Gatwick Airport to begin regular passenger flights for Dan-Air.

The Civil Aviation Authority gave permission for the four-engine jet, advertised as the quietest in the world, to fly at 305 metres over the capital.

British Aerospace, state-owned until 1981, has invested more than £350 million in developing the small jet and has orders or options for 36 planes, including sales in Brazil and the U.S.

Nigeria bombs Chad settlements

PARIS (AP). — Nigerian air force planes bombed and strafed Chadian settlements on Lake Chad throughout the weekend, official French sources said yesterday. The sources said the attacks caused some casualties among Chadian civilians. There has been no official announcement from the Chad capital, N'djamena.

The attacks were part of an escalating border war between Nigeria and the Chad government of President Hissene Habre, with each side accusing the other of incursions into its territory. Nigerian forces claimed last week to have killed 300 Chadian soldiers who had occupied Nigerian border villages.

Mystery killings threaten Indonesian criminals

JAKARTA (Reuters). — Police urged suspected criminals yesterday to turn themselves in to avoid being killed in a wave of mystery shootings that has swept the Indonesian capital.

At least 53 people have been shot dead in Jakarta this year by unidentified gunmen. Eleven were killed one night last week.

A Justice Ministry spokesman admitted that members of the security forces could be behind the shooting of many of the victims, described as ex-convicts or criminal suspects.

At least 86 people have been killed in other cities in central Java in the past three months in a drastic anti-crime campaign launched by authorities.

Microwave scalpel used in Maryland

BALTIMORE (AP). — A medical-engineering team at the University of Maryland hospital says it has developed a microwave scalpel which inhibits bleeding during surgery.

The instrument is expected to be particularly effective in surgery on the spleen, a delicate organ which filters the blood and helps the body resist certain diseases, doctors said.

The microwave scalpel, about the size of a normal surgical knife, was invented by Dr. Leonard Taylor, professor of electrical engineering at the university.

The 18-centimetre instrument uses microwaves to generate heat — much as in a microwave oven but on a smaller scale — to seal blood vessels as it cuts by changing the form of blood protein, Taylor said.

Anti-terror specialist gets Olympics post

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Retired U.S. Army Col. Charles Beckwith, who led the ill-fated mission to rescue American hostages in Iran, has been retained by the White House to study security planning for the 1984 Olympics, it was reported.

Beckwith, a specialist in anti-terrorism, has been asked to write a report on the status of security planning for the games in Los Angeles next summer, the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday.

The newspaper attributed the information to "an intelligence source" and said it was confirmed by Los Angeles law enforcement official and Olympic organizing committee president Peter Ueberroth.

Loony, Chicken parties run in UK poll

LONDON (Reuters). — Loonies and Green Chickens will fight Britain's general election next month but a bearded man named Margaret Thatcher was yesterday excluded as just too silly.

Thatcher, 26, who legally changed his name from Colin Hanoman, registered as a candidate in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's parliamentary seat of Finchley, North London, only hours before nominations closed yesterday.

His election agent: a Mr. Ronald

Reagan.

The headline showed a bumper crop of fringe candidates around the nation but, after a complaint by Mrs. Thatcher's agent and a day of legal wrangling, Mr. Thatcher is not among them.

Andrew Thompson, the prime minister's agent, said the nomination was ruled invalid by election officials on grounds of "obvious unreason."

A man with a beard called Margaret Thatcher with an agent called Ronald Reagan is obviously

unreal," Thompson said.

The official Bring A Bottle Party is contesting one of the 650 parliamentary seats. It is not to be confused with the This Is The Best Party I've Ever Been To Party.

In Bournemouth, Jerry Stocks is running as the Loony Monster Green Chicken Alliance candidate.

Rock singer Screaming Lord Sutch, veteran leader of the official Monster Raving Loony Party, is also fighting Mrs. Thatcher in her constituency.

U.S. said to have thousands of deadly nerve gas shells

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. has stockpiled hundreds of thousands of eight-inch and 155mm artillery shells containing deadly nerve gas, The Washington Post reported yesterday.

The Pentagon acknowledged the existence of the stockpiled weapons in a reply to a written question at a U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee hearing, the newspaper said. According to a congressional aide, at least 10 per cent of the shells are in West Germany, the report added.

The Pentagon is currently asking Congress for \$48.1 million to begin production of new 155mm binary

chemical shells. These are regarded as easier to transport and safer to handle than the older, stockpiled nerve gas shells because they are made up of two non-toxic chemicals that become lethal only when mixed during firing. The chemical weapons request is part of the Defence Authorization Bill pending on the House floor.

The stockpile is one reason opponents will urge the House of Representatives to vote down, as it did last year, the government's request to break a 14-year moratorium on chemical weapons production in the U.S., according to the report.

Police and students clash in Paris protest

PARIS (AP). — Police used tear gas and water cannon yesterday in an attempt to break up several thousand students demonstrating near the National Assembly where deputies debated a controversial university reform bill.

Witnesses said the students threw rocks, bottles and other projectiles at the police who were attempting to force the demonstrators from the Esplanade des Invalides across the Alexandre III Bridge over the Seine in the centre of the city.

Tourist boats continued to pass under the bridge as clouds of tear gas wafted over toward the Left Bank where the demonstrators managed to regroup and erect a barricade which they set on fire.

U.S. allies map plans for easing Polish sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. and its NATO allies are attempting to coordinate strategy for normalizing relations with Poland if that country liberalizes its internal policies, U.S. officials say. The goal, according to the officials, is to induce moderation in Poland by assuring the Poles that the western allies are prepared to reciprocate if there is an easing of repression.

Although deputy White House press secretary Lyndon Allyn said on Monday that "we are exactly where we have been all along" on the Polish question, other officials said formal discussions began recently for the first time on coor-

dinating allied strategy.

The other officials, who spoke only on condition they not be identified, disputed a published report suggesting that the allies intend to remove the sanctions gradually, regardless of whether Poland demonstrates greater restraint towards its domestic opponents.

At present, the allied sanctions include prohibitions of further official credit, now estimated at \$13.7 billion, denial of trade benefits and a suspension of Polish aviation and fishing rights. The sanctions were imposed after Poland, as part of the martial law crackdown in December 1981.

Heroin seized in Milan

MILAN (AP). — Italian and Swiss police seized 35.5 kilograms of heroin, worth 21 billion lire (US \$3.5 million), yesterday and arrested five people, officials announced. The five, three Turks, an Italian and a Lebanese, were arrested after local police raided a truck which had arrived from Turkey.

Sports

Israeli soccer's finest hours

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Maccabi Tel Aviv clawed their way into the final of the State Cup yesterday by winning one of the most magnificent games ever seen on an Israeli football field. Their match with Maccabi Haifa at the Ramat Gan Stadium was drawn 3-3 after 90 minutes of play, and 4-4 after a further 30 minutes.

So the game had to be decided by means of a penalty shoot-out, soccer's equivalent of the tennis tie-breaker, or golf's extra hole or holes, or some say, Russian roulette. Even this did not conform to any pattern. Normally the shoot-out requires five shots from each side, the one scoring the most goals to win. This one went to no fewer than 18 shots, because of shots that went astray or were stopped by the goalkeepers, with the sides level pegging at 4-4 till the ninth round. Then Anselm failed to score for Haifa, and super-sharpshooter Ben-Zion Tabak made no mistake for Tel Aviv.

Forty thousand ecstatic fans, including 10,000 Haifaites, cheered the losers as much as the winners for giving them so superb a match, one that will live in the memories of all who saw it. By contrast, the first match, in which Hapoel Tel Aviv overcame Hapoel Lod 3-0 in extra time, after the score was 0-0 after 90 minutes, was deservedly booed and is best forgotten.

Maccabi Tel Aviv opened like a flash of lightning, from the kick off launching waves of attacks on the Haifa goal. In the 3rd minute, Moshe Schweitzer scored one of the most spectacular goals ever seen in a cup match. David Amiga sent a cross from the left, for Schweitzer to hit the ball from high in the air into the top of the Haifa net. This set the tone for one of the finest games ever seen in Israel.

Motto Iwanir scored a second goal for the Tel Avivians after a solo run in the 32nd minute.

Then the fireworks started. Moshe Selektor put Haifa back into the game in the 50th minute by exploiting a mistake by Moshe Marcus. Four minutes later Haifa were level at 2-2, when a cross by Gaby Amsalem crossed the goal-line. Two minutes later, Tel Aviv coach David Schweitzer brought on Bonnie Ginsburg to replace Marcus in goal.

Menashe Shimonyov headed Maccabi Tel Aviv back into the lead in the 58th minute. But Haifa were not daunted by this setback. They launched an attack which could only frustrate by bringing down Hillel Kaplan with a foul in the penalty area. Moshe Selektor made no mistake with the shot.

The score remained at 3-3 at the end of 90 minutes. There was no score in the first 5 minutes of overtime, but, after the teams crossed over, with 10 minutes left to play, Ronnie Rosenthal was given a perfect through pass by Moshe Selektor. Ginsburg ran out of goal to block a shot, and Rosenthal coolly lobbed the ball over his head into the net.

All seemed lost for Tel Aviv. But they still had a trump card left in their hand — the scourge of Liverpool, Bennie Tabak. With less than 2 minutes of overtime left to play, he smashed in a drive from close in. So the game was drawn again, 4-4, and the penalty shoot-out was needed.

This was an amazing affair. In the end, it was Bennie Tabak who produced the winner that gave Maccabi Tel Aviv a 5-4 superiority in penalties. They thus won a wonderful game.

Shock for Vitas

PARIS (AP). — Hans Simonson, the 22-year-old Swede who is ranked No. 79 in the world, upset Vitas Gerulaitis 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 in the first round of the French Open Tennis Championships yesterday. Gerulaitis was seeded No. 9 and was the finalist in 1980.

Ivan Lendl, Guillermo Vilas, Yandel Nosh, Pascal Portet, Paul McNamee, John Fitzgerald, Drew Gitlin, Eric Froman, Jose Luis Clerc, Marcos Hovever, Thomas Hogstedt all won their games.



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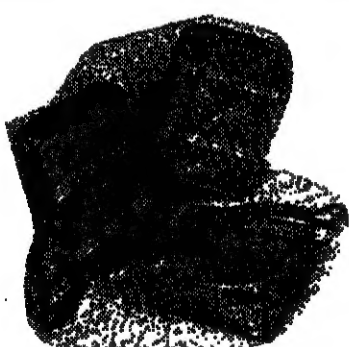
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Fighting excessive socialism

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — Israel is the most socialist country this side of the Iron Curtain, and the Likud's economic policy is even more socialist than that of the Alignment, Prof. Ezra Zohar, leader of the Independence Movement, said at a press conference here yesterday.

His movement, which made an unsuccessful bid for seats in the last Knesset elections, proposes cutting government subsidies by a quarter and income tax by half. It also wants to get the government out of business ventures which it thinks private investors would run better. "For every industrial worker and every farmer, there is at least one bureaucrat who decides what the

factory or farm should produce, to whom to sell and on what terms," Zohar said.

Government should do the job it is meant to do and should let workers work and investors invest. Income tax is a negative incentive to both work and investment.

When reporters called Zohar's ideas naive, he replied that he is proposing the only alternative which could save the country. As for the suggestion that he join an existing political party and influence matters from inside, he said he would have no difficulty getting into a party but would have no chance to promote ideas which in the end would undercut the politicians' power.

Saudi petroleum centre

DHAHRAN (AP). — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia last week inaugurated the Arabian-American Oil Company's new petroleum exploration and engineering centre here. It is the most sophisticated in the Middle East and one of the most advanced in the world, according to oil minister Sheikh Yamani.

In a speech during the celebration, Aramco executive vice-president Ali Naumi said the centre will be used to develop and evaluate new oil and natural gas exploration technology and to improve oil recovery methods.

Naumi said that "even a modest increase" in the oil recovery factor could represent an amount "greater than the total remaining recoverable reserves in the U.S."



Avigdor Kaplan (left), deputy general manager of Israel Aircraft Industries, hands one of four trophy cups to a department head whose men excelled in productivity. The Aircraft Industries saved more than \$1 million and about 92,000 man-hours in 1982-83 thanks to some 4,000 efficiency measures proposed by staffers.

Certificates of merit were awarded to six managers, while another 22 foremen and workers received efficiency shields.

Plan for industry to pay certain Technion lecturers

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The shortage of electronic and computer engineers, of which the head of the army signal corps has complained, will be getting worse during the near future. The Technion, which trains most of the country's engineers, is unable to expand these faculties despite the great demand by students who want to study these subjects and by industry which needs the engineers. The Technion spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the faculties cannot be expanded because of a shortage of young lecturers. "We too have to compete with the high wages industry offers, while we can pay only official university salaries," he said.

In the last graduating class of 995 students, 250 graduated in electrical engineering and 98 in computer sciences. This year the number of freshmen for these faculties had to

be reduced for lack of teachers. As a result, only genius-class candidates had a chance of getting in and almost three out of every four candidates had to be rejected.

A recent government survey predicted that during the next decade there will be a shortage of 5,400 engineers, most of them in electronics and computer engineering, which are the modern growth industries. "Companies in these fields do well and offer exceptionally high wages."

To alleviate the situation, the Technion is working on a scheme for these industries to help finance more instructors. *The Post* has learned that by getting industry to pay the instructors, these would enjoy higher salaries, in line with industry wages. This could be done without disturbing the general salary levels at the Technion, which are bound by government wage policy.

U.S. consumer prices up 0.6% in April

WASHINGTON (AP). — Rising petrol and housing costs sent American consumer prices up 0.6 per cent last month, the biggest jump in nine months, the government said yesterday.

For the first four months of 1983, however, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of just 2.1 per cent. Many economists say inflation for all of 1983 could match — or better — last year's 3.9 per cent and one analyst called the April increase a temporary rise.

Largely responsible for the April rise, the Labour Department said,

was a 4 per cent rise in petrol prices, the result of the Federal Government's nickel-a-gallon tax hike April 1 and a general firming-up of retail prices. Petrol prices, down generally for the last two years, had tumbled a full 1 per cent in March.

Also responsible for last month's increase in the consumer price index was a 0.5 per cent gain in housing prices.

Food prices were up too, but the 0.5 per cent rise was off from March's 0.6 per cent hike.

Consumer prices overall have risen a modest 3.9 per cent in the last year.

Haifa lecturer wins essay competition on future of ports

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Dr. Yehuda Hayuth, a lecturer in the Department of Geography at the University of Haifa, and a senior researcher for the Israel Shipping Research Institute, has won first prize in an essay competition sponsored by the Rotterdam Port Industries Association.

Hayuth, 37, who won the \$2,500 prize with the essay "Future of main seaports in the next 25 years," has been invited to lecture at the 67th International Port Training Conference to be held in Rotterdam from May 31 to June 3.

New industrial area near Beersheba boost to Negev

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA — Zusia Barkai, special adviser to the director of the Military Industries, told a symposium here this week that a new industrial area is being constructed 17 km. south of here, at Ramat Beza, to which the local chemical plants will be relocated.

"We need 5,000 dunams for this new complex, which we got in 1977," Simha Ehrlich, who was the finance minister then, signed an order to appropriate these lands from the Bedouin. The new complex, equidistant from here, Yeroham and Dimona, and only 28 km from Arad as well, will employ 3,500 people.

Over a decade, the project will cost \$750 million, of which \$15m. have been invested over the past three years by the Military Industries itself. "The government resolved to go ahead with the relocation of these industries, but there is no government money for

it," Barkai said. By April 1984, the first products are to be available for sale, and 40 store areas built. Dimona Mayor MK Jacques Amir called for the creation of a Negev Committee to try to pass a Negev Law in the Knesset. "I fear for the future of the Negev. Unless it is populated extensively now, it will become an army training area."

Zohar Gindel, director of the Centre for Development Towns, said that now that there is little aliyah or population growth, the development towns must fight simply to retain their present population. The current drive to get people to settle in the West Bank and in Gaza, he said, showed that most of the young, secular families wanted to settle in new moshavim in Gaza's Hevel Kaif.

The symposium was sponsored by the Faculty of Humanities and by the Hubert H. Humphrey Centre for Social Ecology at Ben-Gurion University.

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yesterday that Foreign Minister Elie Salem has called the diplomatic representatives of the 10 nations who contribute to the UNIFIL force for a meeting today to discuss a new role for UNIFIL in the wake of the recently concluded troop withdrawal agreement between Lebanon and Israel.

The conference raised speculation among observers in Beirut that Lebanon might ask UNIFIL to help the Lebanese Army move into the Shouf area if Israel makes good its plan to pull back to the Awali River north of Sidon and dig in in the 45-kilometre security zone provided for in the withdrawal agreement should Syria refuse a simultaneous exit from Lebanon.

Official sources said Jemayel also discussed with the envoys the prospects of success for the Lebanese-Israeli accord.

Jemayel stressed that Lebanon is determined to achieve the troop withdrawals.

Phalange radio said Lebanon is offering, through Arab mediators, further inducements for Syria to pull out its troops. These include security guarantees for Syria, security measures for the Lebanese-Syrian border, suppression of any anti-Syrian opposition front in Lebanon, and settling Arab payments in arrears towards the expenses of Syrian troops in Lebanon.

About 140 people were kidnapped over the weekend when Druse and Christian militiamen went on the rampage against each other's communities. At least 23 were killed.

By yesterday, all but 30 or 40 of the prisoners had been released, according to security sources. Among those freed was the Maronite Christian archbishop of Tyre, Yusuf Khoury, who spent about five hours in captivity.

Tension remained high in the area as the two sides exchanged prisoners who had been kidnapped. Among those released by the Christians were nine Druse women, who

said they had been cared for by Christian women and had not been harmed.

But the kidnapping of women, for the first time in many years, has aroused anger in the Druse community.

The Phalange returned 90 Druse during the exchange, which was arranged by Israeli officers. They also returned the bodies of 15 Druse killed during the wave of kidnapping and exchanges of fire.

One of the kidnap victims, who said he pretended to be dead and was thus able to escape from the Christians and return to his village of Bakalin, told how the Phalange massacred some of those they captured.

In further fighting, Druse in a village of Milha, north of Jezz, yesterday fired artillery rounds on the predominantly Christian IDF forces in the area have been aiming fire close to Druse Christian positions, in an effort to stop the clashes.

Druse leaders Emir Arsalan Sheikh Abu Shakra have called all Druse to hold their fire.

Israeli Druse MK Amal Nassir (Likud), who returned from a visit to Lebanon yesterday morning, said that Druse and Christian leaders have been meeting in Summerland Hotel in Beirut for past two days in an effort to stop fighting.

Sterling firms

LONDON (Reuters). — Sterling firmed sharply against major currencies yesterday, reflecting growing confidence that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government will be re-elected next month.

The British currency opened at \$1.5697, more than one cent up on Monday's close of \$1.5565.

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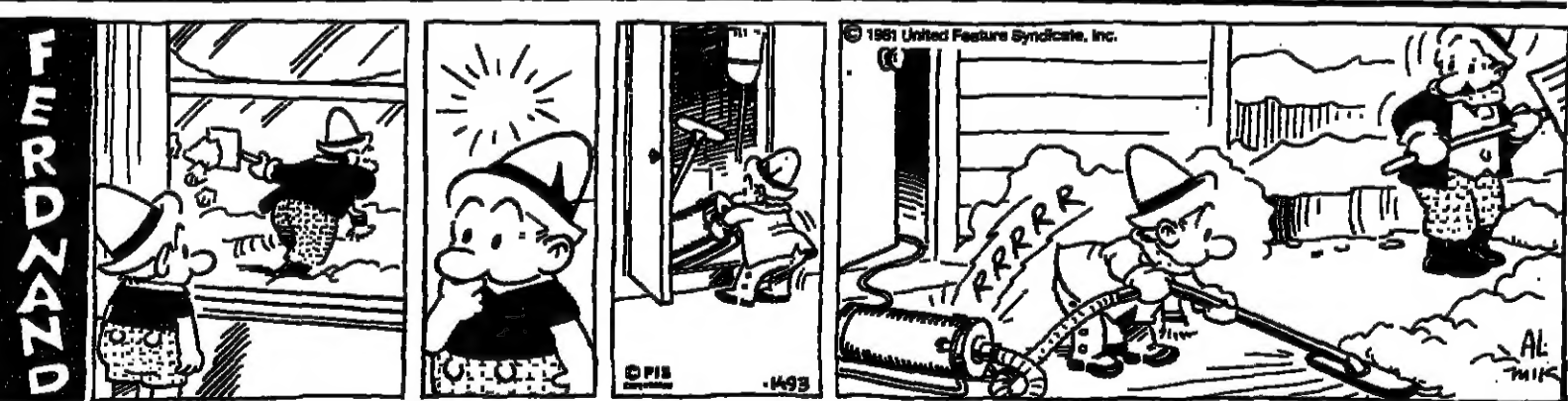
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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

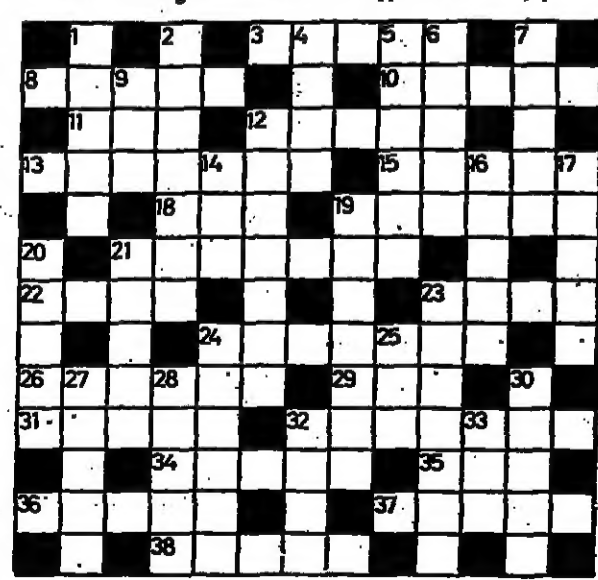
ACROSS

- Workmen of the criminal world? (5)
- A master with wine (5)
- Competitor, to figure out as a bad liar (5)
- A friendly, soft person (3)
- No petty officer (5)
- A tough time seen in a harsh sort of light? (4, 3)
- Makes sound sales in electric batteries (5)
- Point to it, there's a clever chap? (3)
- Open plant? (6)
- His chaps may be wearing chaps (7)
- It's not good to be indigent (4)
- Not aggressive figures (4)
- Finest fellow at the wedding (4, 3)
- Not bored when playing with sea mud (6)
- Pull some plugs out (3)
- They get together for a bite (5)
- Fault due to the red mite? (7)
- Given a drop from the can (5)
- Toff with some bones broken (3)
- Back rents revised (5)
- Speak in muttering tones (5)
- Ed confuses a hit with a miss (5)

DOWN

- Like a father figure from the Vatican (5)
- The fight against infection? (4, 3)
- A style hardly homely (4)
- See Roger's mad about a tradesman (6)
- Teacher points to the stations (5)
- Pull on many a stalk or stem (5)
- Vicar's vehicle (3)
- Equally by a game little chap (7)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Greek letter (5)
- Open sore (5)
- Doorman (5)
- Head of corn (3)
- Cylindrical containers (5)
- Lessened (7)
- Greek fabulist (5)
- Weep forcefully (3)
- Reply (6)
- Prizes (7)
- Attack (4)
- Wan (4)
- Hand over (7)
- Situated (6)
- Rodent (3)
- Stories (5)
- Filmy (7)
- Plunged (5)
- Hard fruit (3)
- Obvious (5)
- Snag (5)
- Prepared (5)

DOWN

- Navy (5)
- Read (7)
- Animal fat (4)
- People (6)
- Beasts of burden (5)
- Tea (5)
- Boulder (3)
- Argued (7)
- Dairy animal (3)
- Curse (5)
- Snooped (5)
- Thought highly of (7)
- Vault (5)
- Competitor (5)
- Flower (7)
- Lioning (6)
- Vehicle (3)
- Serving spoon (5)
- Coniferous tree (3)
- Aggressively masculine (5)
- Incline (4)
- Unconscious (3)

Solutions to today's puzzle

tomorrow

GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

מכאן אל תחזקו

Shares higher in mixed trading

TEL AVIV. — A mixed pattern of price movements developed in yesterday's session as the clearcut uptrend of the preceding three sessions seemed on the wane. Nevertheless, the General Share Index, banks excepted, continued to register gains as it advanced by 1.06%.

Small losses were recorded by specialized financial institutions, services and utilities, land development and real estate, and oil shares. Other groups were ahead by as much as 2.31%, as was the case with investment company securities.

Among highly volatile securities a total of 55 issues fell by more than 5%, while only 37 showed gains of more than 5%. The general public continued to sit on the sidelines, as trading volumes continued to be very low and under \$500 million.

Trading in index-linked bonds continued to be desultory and just

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

under \$155m. Prices maintained their slow upward climb, with gains of up to 0.5% visible in the various sectors.

The shekel was revalued against the dollar for the second consecutive day. This time it rose by two agorot. The action of the shekel seems a clearcut indication of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's intention to maintain a low rate of devaluation.

While there are no definitive statistics about recent foreign currency purchases, various estimates put them as high as \$100m. Aridor has already publicly stated that those who have discontinued their

savings schemes to purchase dollars will face "a double loss." While it is not clear what the minister had in mind, it is quite clear that he is intent on proving to speculators that selling shekels in favour of foreign currency just doesn't pay.

If the Cost-of-Living Index for May will be about 6%, the monthly rate of devaluation will very closely match the rate of inflation.

The commercial bank group of shares continued to act well and advances were somewhat greater than in the recent past. The Maritime Bank was in good form as its 0.1 shares were up by 2.4%, while the 0.5 shares raced ahead by 6.3%. Danot 5.0 was up fractionally, while the shares of the First International Bank were unchanged. FBI maintained its leisurely upward move as it rose by 2.5%.

Among mortgage bank issues Binyan was up by 5.7%. Over the preceding two sessions the Binyan shares had traded as "buyers only." Others in the group put in solid if unspectacular gains.

In the specialized financial institutions group the shares of the Agricultural Bank were 5% lower, while the shares of the Industrial Development Bank were clipped for a full 10% loss. Others trended somewhat lower.

Insurance issues scored moderate advances. Hasmoneh (B) was up by 10%, but Reinsurance 0.1 was 8.6% lower. Phoenix 0.1 advanced by 7.4%.

In the service and utilities group the lights went out for the Israel Electric Corporation as its shares were blueprinted for a 20.8% loss. Malal 1.0 was down by 10%. Others in the group showed a mixed pattern.

Land development and Real estate equities edged lower. Losses ranged as high as 7%, but in most cases were between 3% and 4%.

Industrials came through with gains. Elbit was up by 3.3%, while Elron edged 1.7% higher. Alumit 1.0 was in good form as it raced ahead by 10%.

The shares of Landeco-Rubinstein Investments did not trade yesterday as the company detailed the structure of its forthcoming rights issue.

Fedoll Exploration International shares did not trade as the oil company announced its financial results. The company reported a net profit of \$123.0 million, but inflationary adjustment of this figure resulted in a loss of \$124.6m.

Most active stocks

Hapolum B	2472.5	+8
Hapolum A	2472.5	+8
Maritime 0.5	2055.4	+38
Shares traded:	15,484.7m	
Convertible:	15.13m	
Bonds:	15,134.3m	

Bank of Israel exchange rates

	IS
U.S. dollar	43.7314
British sterling	68.7020
German mark	17.5688
French franc	5.8531
Dutch guilder	15.6463
Swiss franc	20.9944
Swedish krona	5.8223
Norwegian krone	6.1240
Danish krone	4.9229
Finnish mark	8.0094
Canadian dollar	35.4143
Australian dollar	38.5733
South African rand	40.5806
Belgian franc (10)	24.9544
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9586
Italian lire (1,000)	18.5460
Japanese yen (100)	121.5700
Jordanian dinar	10.4800
Lebanese pound	40.7795
Egyptian pound	40.7795

Banks in most European countries were closed yesterday, Whit Monday.

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Commercial Banks				Land, Building				Services & Utilities				Insurance						
IDP p.	73000	+2100	+3.0	Tela 1	248	79	+16	+6.1	Online 1	184	20	+20	+9.8	King 1	270	27	+30	+10.0
IDB p.	3107	663	+17	Tela 5	123	82	+5	+4.2	Online 3	120	36	+12	+9.1	King 5	221	20	-1	-0.5
IDB p. A	3107	61	+47	Tela op	74	89	+1	-2.0	Online 3	911	33	n.c.	n.c.	King op 1	162	40	+1	+0.6
IDB on 11	2163	295	+42	Clat Comp	620	84	+5	+8	Ackerstein 1	322	184	+5	+1.6	Kil 1.0	530	43	n.c.	n.c.
Union r	2280	217	+10	Clat Comp op	127	15	+17	+4.2	Ackerstein 5	269	150	+2	+8	Kil 5.0	190	74	+5	-2.6
Union op 4	10860	n.c.	n.c.	Malal 5	436	48	-51	-10.1	Argaman p.2	540	37	n.c.	n.c.	Katz, Adler 1	233	54	-21	-9.0
Discount A	3992	109	+20	Malal op	175	47	n.c.	n.c.	Argaman r	646	41	-2	-3	Katz, Adler 5	286	18	n.c.	n.c.
Discount B	3072	37	+17	Magor 0.1	340	134	n.c.	n.c.	Aryt	852	23	+8	+5.6	Kau op 1	111	30	+4	+3.7
Mizrahi r	1267	2222	+6	Magor 0.5	149	50	n.c.	n.c.	Aryt op	665	20	+35	+5.6	Ron 0.1 r	580	5	-30	-4.9
Mizrahi op 1	2062	2	+1	Magor op 1	817	6	-88	-9.7	Ala B 0.1	213	52	-3	-1.8	Ron 0.4 r	426	2	-2	-0.5
Mizrahi op 2	5500	22	+30	Bond Ware 0.1	266	50	-14	-5.0	Ala C 0.1	125	523	-35	-33.9	Shidnet	261	72	n.c.	n.c.
Mizrahi op 11	2579	272	+89	Bond Ware 0.5	135	270	+3	+2.2	Goldfros 1.0	360	37	+1	+0.3	Schoellerling	1390	36	-30	-2.1
Mizrahi sc 9	10462	+10	+1	Bond Ware op	46	48	+4	+8.8	Goldfros p.2	540	76	+15	+3.1	Schoellerling	1390	36	-30	-2.1
Mizrahi op 7	8851	2	+1	Yahalom	147	254	-7	-4.6	Goldfros op 1	1970	4	+20	+10	T.A.T. 1.0	550	10	-10	-1.8
Mizrahi op 13	1260	88	+20	Yahalom op 1	100	26	-6	-6.1	Bar-Ton 1	190	63	+10	+5.6	T.A.T. 5.0	295	19	-15	-5.0
Mizrahi sc 9	1760	12	+8	Nikuv 1.0	435	47	n.c.	n.c.	Bar-Ton 5	91	69	-4	-4.2	T.A.T. op 1	300	21	-30	-9.1
Mizrahi sc 11	492	38	+2	Nikuv 5.0	260	22	n.c.	n.c.	Bar-Ton op	72	41	-7	-9.7	Tegul 1	237	26	n.c.	n.c.
OHF r	3900	31	+40	Consort. Hold.	259	50	-22	-7.8	Goldfros op 2	722	62	-30	-9.9	Tegul 5	168	12	n.c.	n.c.
Finance Trade	1842	28	n.c.	Consortium op	92	1	+2	+2.2	Goldfros op 3	93	19	-8	-7.9	Tegul op 1	273	20	+8	+2.9
Finance Trade	931	3	n.c.	Kapel 1	310	70	+14	+4.7	Gal Ind. 1.0	1492	13	n.c.	n.c.	Tegul op 2	312	20	+8	+2.9
Finance Trade	1481	66	+10	Kapel 5	240	45	-10	-4.0	Gal Ind. op 1	398	132	+8	+2.1	Tegul op 3	312	20	+8	+2.9
N. American	2149	8	+6	Crystal 1	545	51	n.c.	n.c.	Gal Tech 1	141	132	-8	-5.4	Tegul op 4	312	20	+8	+2.9
Danot 1.0	1429	15	n.c.	Rapac 0.1	1303	3	n.c.	n.c.	Gal Tech op	91	46	-9	-9.5	Tegul op 5	312	20	+8	+2.9
Danot 5.0	406	983	+2	Supersol 2	318	53	-7	-2.2	Dubek p. r	2750	1	+250	+10.0	Tegul op 6	312	20	+8	+2.9
Danot 5.0	406	983	+2	Supersol 5	955	72	n.c.	n.c.	Dubek p. r	2650	6	+150	+6.0	Tegul op 7	312	20	+8	+2.9
PIB Int'l 5	612	406	n.c.	Supersol op	1490	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	Dubek p. r	2320	114	-10	-0.6	Tegul op 8	312	20	+8	+2.9
PIB	625	707	+15	Supersol op	1490	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	Dubek p. r	2320	114	-10	-0.6	Tegul op 9	312	20	+8	+2.9
Mortgage Banks				Land, Building				Services & Utilities				Insurance						
Adanot 0.1	1520	12	+20	Oren	234	63	n.c.	n.c.	Dafros 1	96	50	n.c.	n.c.	Unico r	984	20	-109	-10.0
Gen Mortgage r	2680	316	+33	Oren op 1	431	3	+3	+7	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	Unico h	001	2	-63	-3.9
Gen Mortgage B	2680	2	+20	Azaron Invest.	298	147	+11	+3.8	Dafros op	129	134	-10	-7.2	IDB Dev. r	3092	539	+24	+0.8
Carmel r	1826	19	+9	Azaron r	287	200	+1	+4	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 2	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Carmel op	92	370	+150	Azaron op C	1906	s.o.i.	-72	-3.6	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 3	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op D	50	-31	-5.4	-5.4	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 4	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op E	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 5	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op F	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 6	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op G	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 7	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op H	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 8	3210	52	+14	+0.6
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Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op K	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 11	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op L	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 12	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op M	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 13	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op N	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 14	3210	52	+14	+0.6
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Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op P	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 16	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op Q	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 17	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op R	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 18	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op S	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 19	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op T	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 20	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op U	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 21	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op V	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 22	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op W	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 23	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op X	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 24	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op Y	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 25	3210	52	+14	+0.6
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Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AB	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 28	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AC	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 29	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AD	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 30	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AE	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 31	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AF	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 32	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AG	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 33	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AH	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 34	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AI	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 35	3210	52	+14	+0.6
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Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AK	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 37	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AL	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 38	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AM	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 39	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AN	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 40	3210	52	+14	+0.6
Dev Mortgage B	1010	100	+10	Azaron op AO	188	99	+1	+0.5	Dafros op	80	5	+2	+3.2	IDB Dev. op 41	3210	52	+14	+0.6
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Selling	Buying
US\$	43.5496
DM	17.8378
Swiss FR	21.1093
French FR	5.8339
Dutch G	15.7198
Austrian SH (10)	25.1104
Swedish KR	5.8517
Danish KR	4.9551
Finland MK	8.0523
Canadian \$	35.5967
Rand	40.8115
Australian \$	38.7813
Belgian Con (10)	8.8908
Belgian Pm (10)	8.8478
Ken 1000	18.4845
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DM	2.485/80
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NEW YORK. — Stock prices were sharply higher with very active trading throughout the day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 19 points to close at the day's high of 1219.04. In the broader market advances led declines by almost three to one.

The transportation index was particularly strong as rail stocks pushed it to a new record closing high of 555.23. The utilities index also reached a new high.

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Symbol	Price	Change	%
DJ. Avg.	1219.04	+18.48	
Transport	555.23	+14.46	
Utilities	138.85	+2.95	
Volume	110,152,800		

DJ. LIST

Alcoa	35 1/4	+4
Allied Chem.	48 1/2	+4
Amer. Can.	23 1/2	+1
Amer. Int'l	44 1/2	+2
Amer. T. & T.	66 1/2	+3
Bechtel	26 1/2	+1
Boeing	47 1/2	+1
Chrysler	27 1/2	+1
Du Pont	46 1/2	+1
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Emark	68 1/2	+1
Exxon	106 1/2	+1
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Renewing the dialogue

A MEETING with President Reagan in Washington was in effect part of the payoff pledged to Premier Begin for his going along with the U.S. on the terms of an agreement with Lebanon; the lifting of the embargo on the delivery of the F-16's was another part. Now that the embargo has been lifted, a Reagan-Begin get-together is in preparation.

Originally it was expected that Mr. Begin would see Mr. Reagan sometime last January or February. That he did not was some indication of Washington's displeasure with Jerusalem's negotiating tactics on a Lebanese pact at the time. But since this has now been settled, the two leaders apparently will meet either in mid-June or in early July.

The high-level dialogue in the White House should help both the premier and the president with their respective voting publics. It would do so by demonstrating anew the fundamental commonality of interests between the U.S. and Israel after a period of relative strain in their relationship. For one thing, it would underline the mutual understanding reached between the U.S. and Israel on the proper way of resolving the Lebanese tangle, and highlight America's commitment to Israel's security in the face of war threats by Soviet-backed Syria.

An effort would doubtless also be made to patch up the many lingering differences between the two countries.

Thus according to some reports Mr. Reagan is ready to press Mr. Begin for assurances that Israel will not stage a unilateral withdrawal to the Awali River line if Syria persists in its rejection of the agreement with Lebanon. Washington is convinced that Syria will, sooner or later, see the light and show readiness to cooperate in an overall pullback of forces. It is fearful, however, that a unilateral Israeli move might create a vacuum of power through which U.S. marines would come into dangerous contact with the Syrians, the terrorists, or even the Russians.

Such assurances could presumably be given by Mr. Begin on the understanding that some reasonable time limit be placed on Syrian intransigence. The premier will find it more difficult, however, to accommodate the president on the latter's ideas for a solution of the Palestinian problem.

Last year's Reagan Plan is currently on "hold" because of King Hussein's refusal to enter into talks about it without the approval, which has not been forthcoming, of the PLO. But the plan's basic notion of "associating" the occupied territories with Jordan has not, to all appearances, been junked, and it remains acceptable to the Hashemite monarch. Mr. Begin, on the other hand, will not hear of it.

Since he has great faith in his own powers of exposition and persuasion, Mr. Begin may try to use the occasion for another attempt to convert Mr. Reagan into a champion of Greater Eretz Yisrael. His success would, however, depend on his ability to demonstrate that Israel is not only America's only reliable ally in the Middle East, but the only friend America truly needs in the area.

This may be a trifle hard to prove. For all its disappointments, especially of late, with the "moderate" Arab regimes, the U.S. is not content to limit its circle of Middle Eastern friends to Israel alone. Yet the only chance of winning America's wholesale support for Israel's policies lies in the total breakdown of U.S. influence in the Arab world, with the Soviet Union picking up all the pieces.

America's present intention is in fact the very opposite. That is one reason why the U.S. insists on defining the territories taken by Israel in the Six Day War as occupied in terms of Resolution 242. For the U.S., the definition, which may be expected to survive the Reagan-Begin meeting, also applies to the Golan Heights.

ARIDOR PUTS

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He said there would be no accelerated devaluation because that would only cause accelerated inflation. Exporters were automatically protected against lags in devaluation by exchange-rate insurance, he said. The recent experiences of France, Japan, and Britain had shown that devaluation was followed by a decline in exports, he said.

Our import of consumer goods is too high, Aridor said. But the solution was not to declare economic war on Europe by restricting imports, he added. The solution was self-restraint — and that meant

restraint in wage demands, he said.

"The fight against unjust wage demands is a fight against imports and against unemployment," Aridor said.

He declared that he would not surrender to unjustified pressures and would protect the public coffers from "the extortion of any pressure group that is a minority."

Aridor repeated his warning to the public not to withdraw their money from savings plans prematurely in order to buy foreign currency. "Don't panic, there will be no accelerated devaluation," he said.

ARAFAT TOUR

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publicly, and their supporters in Damascus refuse to say either.

The Fatah leadership is expected to decide what to do about the mutiny, and there is speculation the rebels will be expelled from Fatah. Pro-Arafat sources said the matter would be settled without violence.

Despite these assurances, some sources close to the PLO in Lebanon and Syria see the dissident movement as one of the greatest challenges to Arafat's unfettered domination of the PLO in recent years.

But the sources say that even his critics on the left-wing of the organization, who oppose his peace efforts, see no future for the PLO without Arafat at its head.

The revolt began more than two weeks ago in protest against the appointment to senior Fatah posts of officers known as Arafat loyalists but deemed by the dissidents to have performed poorly during last year's Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The dissidents issued tough political demands, accusing Arafat of planning to abandon armed struggle, and called for a Fatah congress to map out a new path.

Among their demands was a call for an explicit PLO commitment not to withdraw its forces from Syrian-controlled parts of Lebanon, as the Beirut government is asking. Arafat had earlier given vague

pledges to pull out his estimated 8,000 men from Lebanon if Israeli forces also leave.

But the PLO is now echoing Syrian denunciations of Israel's withdrawal agreement with Lebanon, indicating it does not plan to pull out.

Arafat has responded to the challenge by making almost daily visits to east and north Lebanon to drum up support against the rebels — his first visits since he evacuated Israeli-occupied Beirut last August.

Fatah has responded to the dissidents by agreeing to prepare for a congress of the movement. It also ordered military reforms which appear to lessen the importance of the controversial new appointments.

Arafat supporters in Damascus blame radical Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and his supporters inside the PLO for fomenting the strife. Libyan state-run media have described the dissident movement as a revolution.

Gaddafi, a bitter critic of Arafat's peace moves and his decision to evacuate Beirut last summer, issued a veiled call yesterday for Arafat's overthrow. In a speech quoted by the Libyan news agency JANA, he said: "If this movement succeeds it will remove the Palestinian resistance from the dangerous path pursued by defeatist reactionary leaders in Beirut who committed the historic shame" (of leaving Beirut).

(Reuter, AP)

Unity and survival

By SHEVAH WEISS

IN THE last general election, the two main political blocs — the Likud and the Alignment — together gained a record number of seats (96 out of the 120). This prompted speculation of the possible emergence in Israel of a two-party system and the disappearance of small political groups.

Today, less than two years after the elections, the continued unity of the two blocs can no longer be taken for granted. Though the Labour Party seems to have put the leadership dispute on the back burner, some of the dovish elements within the Alignment — particularly the rump of Mapam and Yossi Sarid — have threatened to break away, presumably with the intention of joining forces with the remnants of Sheli and forming a new left radical party.

In Herut, meanwhile, it appears that preparations are in train for a war of succession, while the Liberals are in the process of splitting up within the Likud, with a question mark looming over the future status of Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman.

There is one basic similarity between the radical left and the pragmatic centre in Israel: neither has, as yet, demonstrated an ability to construct a permanent, stable, independent and politically effective organizational structure, and both have suffered from having too many chiefs and not enough Indians. Both can be compared to cells which have a core but no protoplasm and are thus predestined to disintegrate. The difference is that the radical left is motivated by ideology — and is thus eager to break away from the constraints of the Alignment — while the liberal centre is motivated by pragmatism, which has driven it to remain within the Likud at any cost.

I DEEPLY regret both phenomena. The Alignment needs the dovish radical left to help it preserve its moderate, socialist essence, while the Liberals, by choosing to follow the Herut line without protest, even when this has meant giving in to clericalism and chauvinism, are betraying those liberal principles which are shared by all true democrats.

Several years ago, I staunchly supported the idea of the Alignment breaking up into a left, dovish, radical party and a more pragmatic left-of-centre party. I believed then that if the Labour Movement were to present itself to the electorate in two separate, more or less homogeneous groups, its united power would be greater than that of a single, heterogeneous monolith.

My political experience and observations in the last two years have convinced me that I was mistaken — that due to group dynamics, such a split would lead to the two Labour groups clashing with each other rather than cooperating, and we would find ourselves in a situation similar to that experienced by the Labour Movement in the early '50s, to the serious detriment of the movement as a whole.

Furthermore, as I have already pointed out, I believe that as we have observed recently in Sheli (and in other radical left-wing parties in Israel since 1949), before long a separate, totally independent radical left party would start to disintegrate, thus losing most of the power it has within a consolidated party structure.

Not surprisingly, some Labour Party hawks seem particularly eager to see the radical left depart in order to free the party of its ethos of political moderation, its willingness for territorial compromise and its principle of equality in the treatment of the Arab minority in Israel.

My good friends of the hawkish wing, who regard Mapam and the doves as a burden, do not seem to realize that even if they were to leave, the hawks would still be in a minority — of the 48 authentic members of the faction, 25 are moderates, only 10 are bona fide hawks while the rest float between the two groups. The two 1982 additions to the parliamentary faction, though generally considered hawks, are inclined to moderation.

AS FOR my good friends in the dovish camp, I believe that they should beware of mocking the functioning of the Alignment and especially the on-going Rabin-Peres contest: What would go on in their own independent party, and the

political contests that would develop within it, would surpass anything we have witnessed in the Alignment.

Thus, I would suggest that the various groups do some soul-searching before taking a final decision which could hurt all members of the Alignment. As a member of the Alignment I cannot, of course, appeal to the members of the Liberal Party in the same terms as I can appeal to my own colleagues. Nevertheless, I would make a few observations, for I feel we are approaching the last historical chance for the true liberals to free themselves of their voluntary slavery.

So far, the Liberals have escaped the rage of the enlightened public in Israel, while they have enjoyed the political insurance umbrella held over their heads by the prime minister, who has been extremely generous in the distribution of seats and power.

Internal Liberal squabbles have been primarily concerned with the division of the spoils of power, not with principles.

In fact, the Liberals have time and again betrayed their own cause for example, when they remained silent over the question of Druse rights in the Golan Heights; over the proposals of the "Likud boys" to prohibit the holding of demonstrations while the war in the Lebanon was in progress; when an iron hand was used against those who refused to accept Israel's conquest of the West Bank; when the enlightened masses called for an inquiry into the bloodbath at Sabra and Shatila.

But even worse than their silence were the sardonic speeches made by several of them against those who raised the voice of peace now in our country. Furthermore, they have played an active role in the ritual of force and in the inculcation of the concept of *Lebensraum* into our political thinking.

Some bow to the previous defence minister and his doctrines, while all have taken part in the ritual of unquestioned, personal adoration of the prime minister.

I DEEPLY regret this betrayal of liberal principles and the general

Dry Bones



decline of liberalism in Israel — particularly now that a cloud of reaction covers the skies of Israeli democracy, and the vestiges of hope for an honourable peace based on compromise are being deliberately trampled on.

Nevertheless, I still believe that true Liberals can and must close ranks with other elements in Israel which consider it their duty to guard the walls of democracy. They should strive to stop the depreciation in the humanistic base of our society, the spread of ethnocentric chauvinistic motifs, the pathological pursuit of Israel's isolation and the refusal to take any account of international opinion, the insensitivity to our neighbours' needs and concerns, the demonization of political rivals, the voluntary self-enclosure in a sort of atavistic of statism, contempt for scholars and scholarship and cheap populism which purports to be democratic but which is the greatest danger to democracy ever experienced by Israel.

I know that the taste of power is sweet and that the Liberals have much to lose by revolting against Herut. In other circumstances, they might be in a situation of having to

worry about electing their sixth Knesset Member rather than their sixth cabinet member — and this is a generous estimation.

The history of the Liberal centre as an independent force does not give rise to hope. Whether the Lib syndrome can be overcome, whether a new centre bloc but around the party which Ezer Weizman purportedly plans to launch or some other political framework materializes, or whether the Liberals can make their influence felt in rejecting the priorities of the present government — these are questions to which no one has a definite answer.

Yet, I believe that in order to save their own liberal souls and save Israeli liberalism, the Liberals must start taking some harsh actions. For just as the radical left threatening to break away from the mainstream of the Labour Movement, so the Liberals are harming their own cause by their continued voluntary subjugation to the clerical chauvinistic right.

The writer, a professor of science at Haifa University, is a Jdolo MK.

Naked emperors

By GWYNNE DYER

Californianisms like "laid back" and "mellow." But nothing would really be different.

New York would still be a big city, and Arizona would still be mostly desert. The United States (or rather, *die Vereinigten Staaten*) would still be a superpower, and most of its citizens would continue to pay little attention to that fact. They, too, would be getting on with their private lives, as any sensible person does.

The examples can be multiplied a hundred times, though every example will be seen as subversive by somebody or other. The Soviet Government does not welcome the

thought that Estonians would be just as happy in their own separate country, nor does Paris care to contemplate the fact that the Alsations seemed just as happy when their province was part of Germany.

THE DISEASE of the 20th century is nationalism. This is the era in which the nation-state has finally come into its own: that is, a state founded on the proposition that our language, our culture, our identity are unique and sacred, worth killing and dying for. And yet, this is also the era in which the world has become more homogeneous than ever before.

Never mind the fact that half the

major countries in the world — well over 50 — use English, Spanish or French as their official language. More importantly, a city-dweller in Tokyo lives very much the same life as one in Sao Paulo, and an Indian peasant in Kerala would instantly understand most of the social and economic relationships that prevail in a Mexican village.

There was a time when it was still plausible to argue that "national culture" was something fundamental and ineradicable, bred in the bones, but that was before people started moving about the world in large numbers. Today, it's a ridiculous argument. Menachem Begin comes from Poland, Ronald Reagan's people were Irish, and Jerry Rawlings, who runs Ghana, is half Scottish.

There are, of course, parts of the world where the population is still almost all from the same historic stock: Burma, or Albania, or Uganda, for example. But when you look closely, even there the internal divisions of language, religion and "culture" are as great as those between that particular country and the rest of the region it lives in.

What really runs our world is a fiction avidly purveyed by those who derive their power from it: the fiction that there is a deep and fundamental difference between being "American" and "Canadian," or "Peruvian" or "Bolivian," or even "Russian" and "Chinese." There isn't.

LIVING IN Winnipeg is different from living in Houston, and even more is living in Leningrad different

from living in Shanghai. But no one needs a passport and a deft budget to tell them that. Big or large, nobody wants to go and somebody living in another part and take his home, either, is generally much preferable to where you are, among your friends and relatives, however difficult your circumstances may be.

There are exceptions, of course. Israel and the Arabs, at the serious end of the spectrum, or Argentina and the Falklands at the ridiculous end. But the vast majority of countries maintain armed forces simply because — well, because they are countries. Being a country means you have borders and "interests," and obviously you have to defend them. Obviously?

Consider the United States and the Soviet Union. They live on opposite sides of the world, and they have no territorial claims against each other. They do not even compete against each other in world markets to any noticeable extent. It is hard to imagine any decision of the Soviet Government (apart from attacking the U.S.) that would cause serious discomfort to American citizens, or vice versa.

What causes them to aim thousands of nuclear weapons at each other is purely the question of power. Being the two most powerful nations in the world, they automatically identify each other as potentially dangerous enemies, and every subsequent action they take to safeguard their own "security" just creates more anxiety on the other side. It is a vicious circle with no exit.

All this may sound alarmingly naive, but it's not. When the parade goes by, and it's obvious that the emperor isn't wearing any clothes, everybody has the right to remark upon that fact. Not just the right, but maybe also the duty.

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READERS' LETTERS

PARENTS AGAINST SILENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — On the very day the agreement with Lebanon was signed, you published a letter by Mrs. Shmueli exhorting parents to protest against "this accursed war."

I too am a parent. My elder son, who was injured last year during the war, has just left for reserve duty in Lebanon. My younger son has finished his basic training. My relations in Galilee can walk the streets, and sleep in their beds without fear. I am proud to say that we all reject the sentiments which Mrs. Shmueli expresses.

I meet with hundreds of people every month from all walks of life, and am sure the majority do not agree that the war in Lebanon is "endless and futile." We do not consider that our sons are there "for no purpose." We deny that the government is "playing a cynical game with the lives of our sons, in order to salvage its lost (sic!) prestige."

On the contrary, we believe that the operation in Lebanon has (1) transformed that country into a second neighbour with whom we are — at the very least — on speaking terms; (2) disappointed U.S. hopes that Jordan would enter into negotiations and that the PLO would switch from terrorist to

political activity; (3) revealed Saudi Arabia's impotence or unwillingness to lead the Arab world towards moderation; and (4) transformed the Middle East scene from an Israeli-Syrian confrontation to a U.S.-Soviet one.

Whether Mrs. Shmueli's views are distorted by her emotions; whether she is blinded by political hatred of the government; by pacifism, by woolly-minded liberalism; or whether she is simply myopic, is a matter for conjecture. What is certain, however, is that if organisations like "Parents Against Silence," "Peace Now" and the like, succeed in undermining the morale of our people, we shall certainly have peace — the peace of the grave.

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Sir, — I have just come back with despair in the heart from a demonstration held by Parents Against Silence opposite the Prime Minister's office. What! Are these dozen or so people with their faint-hearted principles all the results that have emerged from the war in Lebanon, with its thousands of

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